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CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEN HOLD BANQUET TUESDAY EVENING

Large Attendance and Most Interesting Event Held Last Evening At Church Building.

The third in the series of monthly banquets of the Men's club of the First Christian church was held last evening at the church auditorium and was one of the most largely attended and pleasant occasions that the club has enjoyed and in which they were joined by a large number of the men of the community not belonging to the church.

The interior of the church was given a touch of the green of the Irish patron saint, for the event, this color predominating in the decorations of the tables and of the auditorium. The lights were shaded in green and foliage and favors were also in this color, while in the refreshments the green and white was carried out in the ice cream.

The ladies who did the serving also were garbed in green caps and aprons that added to the St. Patrick features of the occasion.

The invocation was offered by Rev. W. E. Goings of the Murray church and was followed by the reading of the seventy-six guests of the evening.

Herman L. Thomas, president of the club, presided as toastmaster and gave welcome to the members of the party and also outlined the purposes of the club, its desire to be of helpfulness in the community and which gave the members of the ban-

quet party an insight into the workings of the club.

The members of the party joined in singing a number of the familiar songs, the underovert orchestra assisting in the accompaniment that gave a snappy touch to the occasion.

Frank A. Cloidt, one of the talented vocalists of the city, also gave a very beautiful solo number, "In the Garden of My Heart," and as an encore responded with "Sing Me to Sleep."

Charles Howard of near Murray also gave a most pleasing selection in a drum solo that reflected the greatest credit upon the young man and was enthusiastically encored, to which he very pleasingly responded.

The members of the jolly party also indulged in the singing of several of the Irish melodies that proved a real hit of the evening and were very much enjoyed by all.

The address of the evening was by the Rev. S. R. Bradley of Weeping Water, who took as his theme, "Being a Man." The speaker detailed the early standard of man as being of physical prowess and strength, and that this was not entirely eliminated in the human mind as the standard was shown by the great crowds that followed the champions of the ring. There was the need, the speaker stated, of more than physical strength in a real man and this was moral character and spiritual grace that were necessary to make man perfect in the image of his Maker.

The benediction was offered by E. M. Godwin, one of the leading members of the organization.

W. H. Hill and John Group, two of the prominent residents of Louisville, were here today looking after some matters of business and while here were pleasant callers at the Journal office.

BIDDICK CASE IS ON TRIAL IN DISTRICT COURT

CASE GROWING OUT OF BURNING OF LUMBER YARD AT C. B. & Q. SHOPS HERE.

DEFENDANT DENIES GUILT

Jury Impanelled and Case Started at 10:30 Before Judge Begley and the Jury.

From Wednesday's Daily—
This morning the feature case of the March term of the district court was opened in the trial of the State of Nebraska vs. Steve Biddick, charged with arson.

This case grows out of the burning of the lumber shed, warehouse and several piles of lumber in the Burlington shop yards, which were valued at a cost estimated at \$10,000. The matter was given a close investigation by local and Burlington officials to try and place the cause of the fire and which finally led to the arrest and filing of charges against Steve Biddick, charging him with arson.

The defendant is represented in the trial in the district court by Attorneys C. E. Martin and A. L. Tidd while the state is represented by County Attorney W. G. Kieck.

The jury selected to try the case is composed of O. C. Rhode, Frank Rouse, Conrad Baumgartner, James Foreman, George Smith, J. R. Noyes, Chris Eignard, Jacob Frolich, Will Hudson, J. G. Lohnes, J. V. Stradley and Joe Ellington.

The first witness called by the state was Dr. Oscar Sandin, chief of the Plattsmouth fire department. Mr. Sandin testified that he was called after 3 o'clock on the night of October 18, 1924, by the fire alarm from the Burlington shops. On his arrival at the shops he found the fire to be in warehouse No. 24 in the Burlington lumber yard. The building was all aflame when he had reached the scene and several other piles had also been burned after he had reached there. The witness had remained on the scene of the fire until 3 a. m., when he had gone home and returned a half hour later and remained for the rest of the night. The witness stated that on making an investigation the next morning he had found footprints leading from the yards into an adjoining cornfield. Witness thought the fire was going for about thirty minutes when the alarm was given.

William Baird, superintendent of the shops, testified as to the fact that Biddick having been an employe of the Burlington and later discharged, that he had called at the office of the superintendent and asked a conference. Biddick had stated that he intended to sue the railroad for kidnaping him. Had told witness that his men had done the kidnaping and witness had told him that he had nothing to do with the matter of his employes either and that the special agents of the railroad were not under his jurisdiction. Biddick had been asked by the witness if he had written a letter to him telling him that he had outlived his usefulness and would have to get out of town in twenty-four hours, and Biddick had said he had written the letter. The letter in question was offered by the state in evidence and despite the objection of the defense was admitted in the evidence. Witness had told Biddick that he could not give him employment.

Mr. Baird also gave a description of the building, its location and contents. When witness had reached the shops the structure was in flames all over. This was about 7:34, as witness recalled. There had been no locomotives in that part of the shop yard after 3 o'clock in the afternoon, witness stated. There were clocks in the building and also in other stations over the shop that were used by the watchmen to register in once an hour. The record of the clock showed that the watchman had visited the warehouse at 6:40 as the witness recalled. The watchman would have to be there to make the registration.

On cross examination, Mr. Baird stated that there was no way for the fire to have originated except by being started. Roof of the building was of fire-proof material and the sides of drop siding. When asked as to testimony in the preliminary hearing, witness stated that he might have been confused as to the description between the destroyed warehouse and that of warehouse No. 19, which was covered with corrugated iron. Biddick had said he had written letter to witness but had not mailed it.

The testimony of Mr. Baird concluded the morning session of the court which was adjourned until 1:30 p. m.
At the afternoon session of the court, M. L. Buttery, night watchman, testified as to having been in at the shed where the fire occurred some time before the alarm was given and of the fact that at that time there was no sign of fire.

Donald Smiley, the chief witness for the state, was called as the second witness of the afternoon. He related a number of conversations that he had with the defendant, Biddick, while they were rooming together at the Main hotel, and in which Biddick had told of how to start fires and also urged the witness to start fires. One night witness had told Biddick he was going out to "start something" and Biddick had told him that he ought to go down to the rip track and start something with the box cars. Later that same evening, witness said they were awakened by a whistle and that Biddick

had said, "I guess you must have started something," and they had later heard the fire truck go past. Witness had never had any intention of starting any fires, however. Biddick at one time had told him to take a part of a candle and use it in starting as it would allow him to get away. Biddick had also said that the taxi driver would take him to any place that he wished for \$10 and pick him up later if he wished. Biddick had told witness that taxi man had taken him to shops and out to straw shed south of the city.

On cross examination Smiley stated that he roomed with Biddick several times and had thought him a very excellent man. He had continued to room with Biddick after hearing his stories about the fires and threats. Witness had surrendered his room on afternoon he and Biddick had been picked up and taken to court house, but did not know who had taken the gun or whether or not it had been turned over to the sheriff. Witness said that they were not locked in the court house on the occasion of their being picked up. At the time of the questioning by Smith and Underwood he had told them that Biddick had not told him anything about the fire. Witness later talked with J. A. Capwell and John Hallstrom about the fire. Witness had also told Attorney A. L. Tidd that he knew nothing that would connect Biddick with the fire.

ALL-STAR CAST IN PICTURE VERSION OF "NORTH OF 36"

Jack Holt, Ernest Torrence, Lois Wilson and Noah Beery Featured in Photoplay.

When a motion picture company assembles four of its biggest box office stars for one production it can only mean one thing—that that company has faith in the story and believes it has public appeal.

Just such a thing has been done for the Paramount production, "North of 36," produced Irvin Willat, which will be the feature at the Parmele theater for three days opening on next Sunday.

Jack Holt, as Dan McMasters, plays a role that will hold one enthralled, the role of a stern and fearless man—yet beneath the surface possessing the gentle qualities that go to make him beloved by all.

Ernest Torrence, scout of "The Covered Wagon," has fully as interesting a part in this picture. As Jim Nabours, a ranch foreman, he is given an opportunity for a characterization entirely different and far superior to anything he has done in his entire career.

Lois Wilson, as the orphaned ranch-owner, Taisie Lockhart, offers a characterization that is a combination of sincerity, loveliness, determination and grit.

Noah Beery, playing Sim Rudaugh, the villainous state treasurer, is a type exact in every detail.

All the above mentioned appear in featured roles in the production. A few of the names playing in support include David Dunbar, Stephen Carr, Guy Oliver, Wm. Carroll, Clarence Geldart, George Irving and Ella Miller.

The picture is an adaptation by James Hamilton of the popular novel by the late Emerson Hough, author of "The Covered Wagon."

CASE ATTRACTS ATTENTION

From Wednesday's Daily—
Yesterday, the court of Justice William Weber was the scene of much interest in a large number of the residents of near Nehawka and Avoca and was another chapter in the general family trouble that has grown up in that locality. The case was that of John C. Knabe vs. Enno Ahrens and in which the plaintiff sought to have the defendant moved from a farm that he owned and which Mr. Ahrens had been farming. The farm was one of 240 acres and has been occupied for some time by Mr. Ahrens, who was a son-in-law of Mr. Knabe. Last week a divorce was secured by Mrs. Ahrens from her husband and which was at once followed by the action to have Mr.

Parmele Theatre

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The Trail of Thrills!

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"My Banker said—his wife came home from the first show and tried to get him out of bed to go see the last show. An old maid came out of seclusion that I had forgotten lived in the city." It will be a long time before another picture can be got that will please as it did. 90% of my people pronounced it 90% better than the "Covered Wagon."—A. J. Segall, Fayette, Iowa.

"North of 36"

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Ahrens ordered to give up possession of the farm to the plaintiff.

It was claimed that the defendant had failed to pay the rent demanded, while the defendant contended the he made material improvements on the farm that were to have applied on the rent of the farm.

Justice Weber, late yesterday afternoon, decided the case in favor of the plaintiff, Mr. Knabe, and ordered the defendant to give possession of the farm.

The case will be appealed to the district court, it was announced, and the appeal bond was fixed at \$1,200 by the court to cover the costs of the appeal to the higher court.

There was a large number of witnesses and friends of the interested parties present from the vicinity of Nehawka and Avoca to hear the progress of the trial, many of the parties having been called here last week in the trial of the divorce case.

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