

COMMERCIAL CLUB OVERFLOW DINNER

Gala and Hilarious Affair Exceeds Promoters' Expectations in Numbers and Spirit.

"LAWLESS" CROWD RUNS WILD

Over 300 good fellows enjoyed the good fellowship dinner at the Commercial club last night.

They crowded the main dining room and overflowed into the south dining room and the private dining rooms on the east.

The dinner was delayed a half hour, because the crowd that flocked to the lobby was greater than had been anticipated. Plates for 290 guests had been laid, on the strength of some 260 reservations. Many last-minute men, however, came crowding in, bought tickets and demanded places. Extra tables were soon set, and the vast army fell to.

"Hand Grenades" Thrown.

Paper hats of every color decorated the heads of the guests, and red balloons of the Zeppelin type floated about the room, or exploded like hand grenade bombs, when they struck the heads of some of the merry maid members.

G. T. Eastman, chairman of the entertainment committee, was master of ceremonies. Ceremonies, however, were decidedly informal, although Mr. Eastman with megaphone in hand did his best to hold the "lawless" aggregation in hand. The orchestra played the fastest of rag. "Galatas" danced the choicest of "her" twirls, and the delegation of cowboys and farmers from Kansas, Utah and Iowa, stumped into the room demanding "time out" to hold a good-roads convention.

Manley in Overall.

Bob Manley headed the delegation in overall, and called the meeting to order. There was a squabble about where to locate the "highway," since Yale Holland as the bewhiskered Mormon from Utah, favored Iowa, because three of his wives were from that state. "Galatas" with whom he was even at that moment falling in love, claimed a residence in Des Moines.

"Tough" Frank Latenser.

Frank Latenser, as the tough cowboy from Wyoming, forgot his part and voted for Iowa instead of Kansas, but no one expected the boys to give a first-class vaudeville performance, so all had to cheer; for, were they not expected to be good fellows?

Cartoonist Bloodhart did up some of the prominent members of the club physiognomically in charcoal on white paper, and got considerable applause. Among those whose faces appeared in the cartoon work were: J. W. Gamble, T. A. Fry, Randall K. Brown and C. E. Yost.

E. V. Parrish, manager of the bureau of publicity, showed the Omaha moving picture reels, giving an instructive lecture as an accompaniment.

STECHER SAVES HIMSELF FROM FALL AT BUTTE

BUTTE, Mont., March 24.—Bill Demetral, who terms himself the Greek champion, lifted Joe Stecher of Nebraska, claimant of the world's heavy-weight championship, high in the air here tonight and slammed him to the mat. Stecher saved himself from a fall, however, and finally defeated Demetral.

The Copper City club, which staged the bout, announced a bid of \$60,000 for the Gotch-Stecher match in Butte in July.

Stecher secured the first fall in six minutes and forty-two seconds and the second fall in four minutes and seven seconds. It took Frank Gotch a total of fifty-seven minutes to throw Demetral recently.

GEORGE FINDS REPUBLICANS ARE STRONG FOR HUGHES

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 24.—(Special.)—Walter George, candidate for the republican nomination for governor, while in Lincoln last night, said that republican sentiment is running high in the North Platte country. He has discovered the state along the Union Pacific lines as far west as Kearney, and back over the Burlington to Lincoln. He says there is a strong Hughes for president sentiment among republicans wherever he went, and that the principal amusement of the democrats was causing Bryan.

He was called to Omaha by a message announcing the death of an aunt of Mrs. George.

UNION PACIFIC PAYS MRS. SHAW \$10,000

TECUMSEH, Neb., March 24.—(Special.)—The Union Pacific Railroad company has settled the claim of Mrs. Minnie Shaw of Tecumseh, growing out of the loss of the life of her husband, Alva C. Shaw, in the motor wreck near Randolph, Kan., on October 16 last. Mrs. Shaw is to receive \$10,000. This is the extent of the liability of the transportation company for the loss of a life in the state of Kansas. The settlement has just been made.

Notes from Columbus.

COLUMBUS, Neb., March 24.—(Special.)—Henry F. Brumken and Miss Anna G. Hulsehen of Platte Center were married here yesterday by Rev. Missler of the German Lutheran church.

Henry Melnske and son, Jesse, of Tomah, Wis., will arrive here Monday and an organization will be perfected Monday afternoon for the building of a \$250,000 packing plant. Local men are taking stock.

About \$150 worth of clothing, ladies' and men's shoes, four suit cases, fourteen bracelets and \$11 in cash were stolen yesterday morning from the store of Dave Helphand on Eleventh street. Officers were notified and discovered that two negroes who had left for Kansas City were the burglars.

At the stockholders meeting of the Platte County Independent Telephone company held this afternoon, it was decided to expend \$15,000 in improvements of the lines and putting wire underground in this city.

Between forty and fifty bushels of corn were stolen yesterday morning from the granary of W. W. Scott.

Opportunities

for all in the northwest, whether looking for business locations, farming or pleasure trips. Unexcelled train service via the Soo Line from St. Paul and Minneapolis. Address: W. B. Harley, D. P. A., 24 Fifth Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Ak-Sar-Ben Hustling Committee All Ready for Business



Lower Row, Left to Right—L. N. Hunce, George H. Heintze, J. D. Wenner, F. W. Judson, Everett Buckingham, C. L. Saunders, E. L. Potter, Max Moser, Joe Bixler, Sol Goldstrom. Second Row, Left to Right—M. D. Griffin, George F. Meschke, Max Acor, R. C. Hayes, N. P. Thorson, E. Burkett, A. L. Lawrence, H. E. Mahaffey, Leo H. Diez, M. Cullin, Third Row—H. O. Benford, A. C. Potter, John Caldwell, A. R. Mahoney, Byron W. Hart, Allen Tukey, "Doc" Fry, H. E. Stevens, L. P. Dyhrberg, J. W. Harwell. Top Row—W. S. Link, Ray Love, Leo Wilson, W. H. Crawford, F. H. Parsons, M. J. Curran, W. E. Davis, Dan Whitney.

SHAW TALKS PREPAREDNESS

Former Secretary of Treasury Calls Inadequate Armament a Crime.

ARMS SHOULD BE OF BEST

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Ia., March 24.—(Special Telegram.)—In an address here today on preparedness, former Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw, declared the curse of God will and should rest upon any country that will call its best blood to colors without training them to protect themselves, without giving them arms as good as those they will be compelled to face, without furnishing them ammunition to last until the fight is over, without protecting their positions and their movements with artillery as ample in quantity and of as long range as that of the enemy, in short, without doing anything and everything to insure victory.

Any preparedness less than adequate is folly, he said. War waged with antiquated equipment is worse than murder for it subjects those who heed the call to duty and who answer to the call of the country to ignominious defeat and shameful slaughter.

Hear Taft at Ames.

Many state officers went to Ames yesterday to hear William Howard Taft in his lecture on "Our World's Relations." The former president is delivering a series of three lectures there before the student body. Tomorrow he speaks on "The Military and Naval Defenses of the United States—What They Are and What They Ought to Be." On Saturday morning he will speak on "The Duties of Citizenship."

More Candidates.

Byron W. Newberry of Strawberry Point, Clayton county, a member of the state senate for three sessions, is again a candidate for the senatorship. C. H. Dickey of Keokuk has come out as a candidate for representative from Lee county.

Labor Shortage.

There is a shortage of common labor, the state free employment bureau reports. With no immigration coming in from the old countries and many having returned to Europe, there is no supply to draw from. The bureau has many applications for farm help, a number of them being for man and wife, the man to work in the fields and the woman in the house.

Deaths Increase.

In 1915 the total number of deaths in the state from all causes was 23,335 and in 1914 the total was 22,329, according to figures just compiled by the office of the secretary of the Board of Health. The state department has no statistics on births and Dr. Sumner, secretary of the Board of Health, is endeavoring to have legislation passed which will provide for the reporting of birth statistics.

Move to Omaha.

The revenue accounting department of the Iowa Telephone company having charge of state accounts is being moved from Des Moines to Omaha. The employees in that department are being transferred to the Nebraska metropolis. The northwestern group of states, including Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota will all have their revenue accounting departments at Omaha hereafter. This department looks after state accounts, but not local accounts.

Receives Inspector of Guard.

Colonel George H. Morgan of St. Paul, who has been assigned to the work of inspector of cavalry of the Iowa National Guard, to take the place of Captain George J. Cden, reached Des Moines today and will begin his work of inspection at once. The first place to be visited

will be Iowa City. Captain Oden of the Fifth cavalry, who has been the inspector here, is down on the Mexican border with his regiment doing guard duty.

New Insurance Company.

A new mutual insurance company has just been formed with headquarters at Mason City, which has incorporated under the name of the Iowa Citizens' Fun Mutual Insurance association. The officers are: President, A. J. Killmer; vice president, W. E. Gidner; secretary, Earl J. Newton. Articles of incorporation were filed in the secretary of state's office today.

Short Weights Charged.

Short weight barrels of gasoline and also of rock candy syrup have been seized by the state weights and measures department the last few days and prosecutions may follow. Shipments of rock candy syrup at Des Moines, Ottumwa, Cedar Rapids and Burlington have been

examined and some of the barrels found to be as much as five gallons short. Inasmuch as the syrup is sold at wholesale at 30 to 40 cents per gallon, the shortage on a barrel amounts to from \$2.50 to \$5 in value, the state department says.

Wants Second Term.

Roy D. Nordyke of Richland, Keokuk county, member of the Thirty-sixth general assembly, is a candidate for re-election. He has written to Secretary of State W. S. Allen asking for nomination papers.

Department Orders.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Following rural letter carriers appointed: Edward E. Erickson; Lynn Grove, Edward E. Erickson; Perry, Westley A. F. Thornburg. The Treasury department has granted a charter to the First National bank, Carthage, S. D., with a capital of \$5,000. The First National bank of Highmore, S. D., has been authorized to increase its capital from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Mail service has been established as follows: Ogallala-Topen Ridge, S. D., contract for carrying mail awarded to Russell A. Kern of Pine Ridge; Freeland to R. A. Clark Ranch, Wyoming. Contract awarded to Fry Majors of Freeland.

...office department has accepted the proposal of O. B. Copley to renew lease for present quarters for postoffice at Fullerton, Neb.

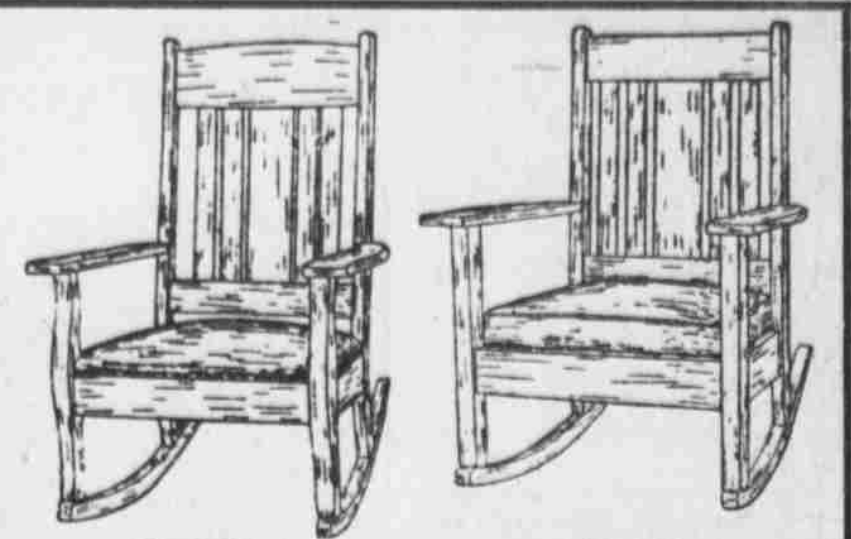
DEATH RECORD

Edward K. Hanson.

Edward K. Hanson, formerly of Fremont, died in Glen, Colo. He is survived by his wife and two children. The body will be brought to Omaha for funeral services from the home of Mrs. W. H. Madden, 2317 Ohio street.

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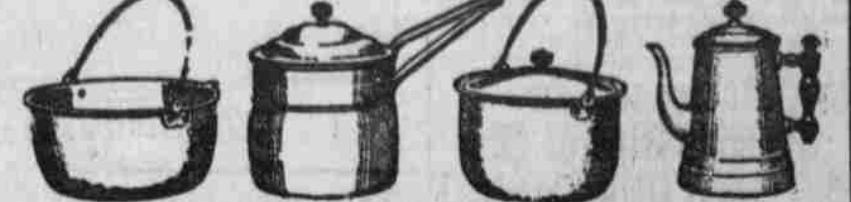
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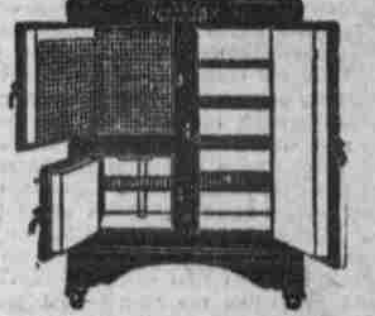


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