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DIGGING GRAVES WITH THEIR TEETH

Loup City Commercial Club Entertains Members, Their Wives and Invited Guests at Clubs Second Annual Banquet.

250 PEOPLE PRESENT.

It may be that banquets, great suppers, several-course dinners, and multiplicity of eats at unseasonable hours are in effect "Digging Graves With Your Teeth," as is being proclaimed by health authorities and writers on correct living, but if so we know of no more agreeable means of inadvertently playing into the hands of the Grim Reaper.

And last Friday evening was no exception. On that evening occurred the second annual banquet of the Loup City Commercial Club, accompanied by fine music and a flow of oratory, in which the Club was host to its membership, their wives and invited guests numbering perhaps 250 of our best citizenship.

At the appointed hour of 7:30, or shortly thereafter, the opera house presented a most animated appearance. On the stage was the Loup City Cornet Band discoursing sweet music as the great tables rapidly filled with the banqueters, proving a most inspiring scene.

At about 8 o'clock, all guests being seated at the banquet tables, the ladies of the M. E. church, to whom had been given the preparation of said banquet, began the serving, assisted by a bevy of 20 of the most charming of the myriads of accomplished young Loup City girls, who, ranged in line, with the precision of soldiers, and waited upon the tables without accident to mar the banquet hour. And in this connection allow us to give great credit to the ladies of the Methodist church for the splendid four-course supper served on this occasion, in no respect of which could have been more pleasing and satisfactory.

At the close of the banquet, came the following musical and intellectual program of toasts, with that prince of orators as toastmaster, Judge Aaron Wall, presiding:

Invocation—Rev. J. C. Tourtellot.

Music, Wood Bros. Quartet of Aurora, composed of Messrs. Charles, Harvey and Ellis Wood and Mr. Saml. Burt, with Mrs. Harvey Wood accompanist.

"Commercial Club history," ex-President E. G. Taylor.

"Difference Between Germany and America," Rev. P. Juelling.

"The Church and Business," Rev. J. C. Tourtellot.

Song by quartet.

"Office of Commercial Club in Municipal Building," R. P. Starr.

"Commercial Clubs; Their Benefits," Secretary Howell of the Hastings Bureau of Commerce, one of the truly great Commercial Clubs of the state, from every standpoint.

"Our Debt to Our Parent Country," R. J. Nightingale.

Solo, M. Worlock.

Vaudeville sketch, A. T. Conger.

"Church Unity," Rev. Sutherland.

"What a Commercial Club Means to the Upbuild of City and Country," Secretary A. M. Connors of the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, second to none other in cities of that class.

"The Lawyer in Civil and Social Life," R. H. Mathew.

"The Place of the Polish People in Sherman County," Father Grodzinski.

Music, quartet.

"The Militant Suffraget and Dress Reform," J. S. Pedler.

"Work of the Church in Community Building," Rev. L. V. Slocomb.

Patriotic selection by the Silver Cornet Band.

Time and space forbids extended comment on the various responses to the toasts, every one of which contained good, intellectual food, and many of them well worthy of reproduction through our columns. The music of the band was most inspiring, the numbers by the Wood Bros. Quartet especially entertaining, and the solo of Mr. Worlock good as always.

In all ways the members of our great commercial club may be congratulated. Being only two years old, it starts out at the beginning of its third year with an enrollment of 75 of the very best of the boosting element of Loup City and in many ways has justly earned the reputation of being ranked among the leading commercial organizations of cities of its class in the state. Within the club there is no friction and each individual member is working shoulder to shoulder with his fellow in boosting for our city and its betterment. Why not every one join the club and boost. There are numbers of our very best and most active and enterprising business men who are not as yet members. Why not? Get in, boys, and let's make it unanimous.

Says Loup City Ought to Be Proud

The gentleman composing the Wood Musical Quartet from Aurora, who gave such splendid male quartet music at the late Commercial Club banquet evidently returned home with a most pleasing impression of Loup City and her people, as witness the following excerpts from a letter to our townsman, Wm. Larsen, of the Mercantile Co., from the leader, Mr. C. W. Wood: "We haven't got over talking about your 'Big Doings' on last Friday night. It is something you all ought to be

BIG WRESTLING MATCH STAGED

Lee Scott of Ansley, and Warren Miller of Loup, Meet February 11.

PURSE OF \$100.00 UP

Wrestling fans are jubilant over the final matching of our local giant, Warren Miller, and Lee Scott of Ansley, who is among the top-notchers in the wrestling game in the state. There are many of our local sportsmen who have so much confidence in Warren that they are willing to back up their faith in no inconsiderable amount, and we understand not a little of the rhino will change hands on the result. Lee Scott, we understand is not only a big fellow on the mat, but also a big fellow physically, tipping the beam at way above 200 pounds, while Warren, striped, stands at 190 pounds and is no infant, also. He is getting heavier all the time and will soon be among the 200-pounders himself. Our local man has all to gain and nothing to lose in the coming match. If Scott bests him, it would not be so very surprising, considering the Ansley man's reputation, size and experience in the game, which has been of several years duration, while Miller has had only a few wrestles to his credit and not over a couple of years in the game, and if he succeeds in pinning Scott's shoulders to the mat, or prevents Scott from doing the act to him, then our local man at once gets in among the clouds in the sporting arena. Any way, the contest is going to be a battle royal from start to finish, and we believe Scott will find he has run up against one of the hardest propositions he has ever tackled, with chances that Warren will take his measure in two falls out of three, if, indeed, not the first two straight falls.

proud of, for, it was the best planned and executed 'Doings' that I have ever attended in my life, and the Wood Brothers Quartet will always remember Loup City as one of the pleasant places among the many where they have sung during the past quarter of a century." And here comes right back at the quartet with the solid fact that to them personally and as members of the splendid male quartet was due in a great measure for the pleasure of the evening.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY PROGRAM

Program of Home Missionary Society to be given in the M. E. parsonage Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Piano Solo, Mrs. Starr
Vocal Solo, Mrs. Starr
Piano Duet, Mesdames Swanner and Root
Reading, Miss Francis Sweetland
Vocal Duet, Swanner and Zimmerman
Piano Solo, Mrs. Root

Mrs. J. K. Ward spent Saturday in Loup City. Mrs. Ward is now Assistant Principal of the Arcadia schools having accepted the position left vacant by Miss Emily Rough, who resigned to accept a position in the Department of Education in the Wesleyan University. Miss Rough spent Thanksgiving in Loup City, the guest of Miss Addie Leininger, and is known by a number of our people.

There was a surprise party given last Friday evening on Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Jack, it being the 30th anniversary of their wedding. We understand some 20 friends were present and enjoyed the occasion.

WOODMAN OCCUPY NEW HEADQUARTERS

The Modern Woodman of America have changed their meeting place from the Gzeboviak hall to Society hall and their next meeting night will be the 10th instant. The Royal Neighbors have also changed to Society hall.

Master Howard Starr last Sunday evening at the M. E. church rendered on his violin "Cordelia and King Lear" in such a manner as to bring forth rounds of applause from the audience. Master Starr's teacher is Mrs. Minnie Donnell Gould of Arcadia, at one time a student with Carl Steckelburg of Lincoln. Mrs. Gould has a large class of pupils in this city.

The bans of our popular county clerk, L. B. Polski and Miss Helma Froehlich were called at St. Joseph church last Sunday.

Mrs. A. E. Charlton left last Friday morning for a trip to Iowa to visit her aged mother and her daughter, Miss Ruby.

STRAY DOGS KILL VALUABLE STOCK

Time Our City Bads Were Making Provisions to Dispose of Some of Our Worthless Curs.

A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE

Loup City has always been cursed with an over-plus of worthless dogs, and as the years advance the pests seem to be getting worse and more numerous. Last week Wednesday afternoon, a number of dogs got into the hog pen at the home of John W. Long and killed and mangled two 100-pound shoats belonging to little Johnny Long. Not content with that, the pests went to the pasture wherein are cows belonging to J. P. Leininger, and chased the bovines to their hearts' content, leaving those domestic animals in bad shape. Interviewing Mr. Long later, we asked if he knew who were the owners of the dogs, he refused to say, but acknowledged that he had a pretty good idea. It would seem that some action should be taken along the line of getting rid of the hundred and one worthless curs which infest our city, many of them ownerless and public nuisances. It is among the impossibilities, almost, to place any article of food on the rear porches of the homes for even a few moments, and be sure some stray cur does not take advantage of the fact and make way with the same. There are many valuable dogs owned in the city, but so far as we know, none of these are among the ones who do damage, as their owners keep them up, but it is the stray dogs, a good many of them ownerless, and the others belonging to people who allow them to become public nuisances, that cause the trouble such as given above. Cannot the city council draft some drastic law that will at least lessen the nuisances by a few hundred of these fourfooted pests? Some of these days, some innocent child may be bitten and mangled by some stray dog, possibly a hydrophobic cur, as we read about every few days in our exchanges, and then it will be a little late to take action. Why not cut out the danger in advance?

INTERESTING UNITY CLUB MEETING

The Woman's Unity Club held a very interesting session at the home of Mrs. J. P. Leininger last Thursday afternoon. A spirited discussion of the school situation led to the following action by the club: A committee was appointed to confer with the school board about inviting an expert to talk to the public about modern school improvements along the lines of lighting, heating, etc. This was done, and Mr. A. A. Reed, high school inspector, has been asked to come here and give an address. Further notice of this meeting will be given later.

YOUNG COUPLE GIVEN MANY PRESENTS

On Monday afternoon of this week, the friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis met at their home to celebrate the 20th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Curtis. It was a most pleasing surprise to the couple. A 3-course 5 o'clock dinner was served. Among the many choice presents was a 100-piece set of china dishes. Mrs. Curtis has made many friends during her residence in this city and all wish her a long, happy and prosperous life.

Master Willard Lay has been visited by the chicken pox, contracting the same while visiting at Arcadia a few weeks ago.

COURT HOUSE BADLY NEEDED

Inadequate Accomodations Force Officers to Find Other Quarters.

VALUABLE RECORDS SHOVED OUT.

We should at once take the necessary steps to secure a substantial new court house:

Because of the unsafe condition of the county records.

Because of convenience and necessary office room for the efficient conduct of the business of the county.

Because of the fact that now the county officers or many of them have offices elsewhere than at the court house and the county pays rent for same.

Because now three officers of the county have their offices in one little room not large enough or suitable for the proper conduct of one of said offices.

Because now it is necessary to keep a part of the valuable records of the county in bank vaults and elsewhere, making them more liable to be lost or misplaced in removing them from one place to another.

Because our present court house is in no sense in harmony with the progress of the county in the last twenty years and in no sense supplies our needs.

Because the public welfare and civic pride demand a good substantial fire proof court house.

Because the building of the court house would have a tendency to increase values all over the county.

Because the small increase in county taxes necessary to pay the bonds to build same will never be noticed.

Because the great increase in taxes for the past ten years is due largely to increased state, school district and township taxes, and not to county taxes.

Many other reasons could be assigned but more will follow next week. The time is ripe, the necessity is here and we must have a new court house.

IN REGARD TO A NEW HIGH SCHOOL

An Interesting Article in Regard to the Present Much Talked of School Question, Written by Miss Meroe Outhouse

GREATEST GOOD TO THE GREATEST NUMBER.

Mr. J. W. Burleigh, Editor of Loup City Northwestern: I submit to you the following figures relative to the voting of bonds for a new school building. I do this because I believe that many people, anxious to secure "the greatest good to the greatest number," think that a new, modern building cannot be erected because of present taxes. These people, therefore, favor the addition of wings to the present building, which means that either (A) modern ideas of sanitation, ventilation and lighting must be sacrificed to architectural conformity with the present structure, or (B) these ideas must be preserved and incorporated at the expense of sightliness and appearance. If we can afford to vote bonds of sufficient amount to erect a modern, up-to-date, scientifically constructed (with reference to school problems) building, would it not be better to do so than to erect an addition which would be either an eyesore to the outside public or a source of discomfort and inconvenience to pupils and teachers?

The school bonded indebtedness at present is in the form of three bonds of \$500 each, payable at any time. There is a general levy of 27 mills for general school purposes and a special 4-mill levy for the purpose of paying off the

bonds. The report made at the regular election last June indicated that these bonds would be paid in June of this year, at which time the special 4-mill levy would cease.

Voters in this school district are also paying the following taxes—a state levy of one and 80-100ths mills; a county levy of 12 mills, 3 1-2 being bond and interest; a township levy of 10 mills (6 1-2 road, 2 bridge, 1 1-2 general) and in addition a 5-mill levy on the ditch bonds which will be paid off annually in November of this year, and the citizens of the village of Loup City in addition pay a levy of 10 mills. This makes a total for the resident of this city of 76 mills, which, less the 4 mills on school bonds to cease in June, means 72 mills. For those outside our city it is 62 mills. After November, when the whole amount of the ditch bonds will be paid off, there will be no levy for bonds, except the county levy of 3 1/2 mills, why not then levy the 4 mills plus 5 mills at present being paid on the school bonded indebtedness and the irrigation ditch bonded indebtedness, for a new, modern and up-to-date school building? It surely will be no burden to pay a few mills on bonds for a new school building which will be a credit to the community and an advantage to the school children, than it has been to pay bonds for an irrigation ditch, which after a years of benefit ceased to be of any value whatever to those interested in it. Our public schools ought to be quite as vital a concern as our material prosperity, for our material prosperity in turn depends very largely on the citizen whom our public schools educate. The general idea in regard to building a new court house seems to be to wait until the county bonds and interest on that are wiped out, which will be in two years, and then to commence work in regard to a court house, why not, then, since the bond levy for school bonds and irrigation ditch bonds (and irrigation bonds concern only Logan and Loup City townships) will be removed this November, why not vote a new bond levy for a new court house?

Respectfully submitted,
MEROE J. OUTHOUSE.

Don't forget the next lecture course entertainment—Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 13—the Wood Orchestral Trio, composed of ladies. They are said to be most excellent.

Pioneer Settler Passes Away

Henry R. Neisner was born in Ramerstead, Austria, March 7, 1873, died February 1, 1914, aged 40 years, 11 months, and 7 days.

He moved to this country with his parents in 1884 at the age of 11 years, grew to manhood in Butler county. He was married to Cora Loveless, of Butler county, in 1898, to this union were born four children, three boys and one

girl. Besides his wife and children he leaves to mourn his untimely demise an aged and loving mother and four sisters. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him, being a loving husband, a kind father and a good neighbor.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 3rd, at 11 a. m., from the Wiggle creek church, Rev. J. C. Tourtellot officiating.

ASHTON IN BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Ina Todd left Monday for Burwell.

Wm. Schumann of Loup was in town Monday.

Dr. Wanek was a passenger for Omaha Tuesday morning.

Tom Zoucha and wife left for South Omaha Thursday last.

Lila McNulty and Anna Kwarkowski drove to Schaupps Thursday last.

Elmer Brammer of Rockville was visiting friends here Sunday last.

The 23rd anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Kolkowski was celebrated Saturday evening.

A small crowd celebrated the 23rd anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Rapp Tuesday evening.

C. A. Kettle took horses to Austin Saturday and shipped them to Grand Island for market. He left for the Island Monday.

Jos. Hruby, S. S. Polski, Peter Zeyewski, Albert Anderstrom and W. T. Fletcher took a matched bowling with Dannebrog at St. Paul Tuesday.

Music will be furnished by the Rapp-Smith Orchestra at Dannebrog hall Saturday, February 21, 1914.

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TRUE LOVE NEVER DID RUN SMOOTH

Last Saturday evening, a young couple, named George R. Duryea and Miss Rosa Olive Anderson came down from Arcadia, with intent to be married and return that evening to our suburban village on the north. However, fates worked different. Going to the county judge's office, they found that worthy absent and not to be found. They later began a hunt for the official, and were directed to the picture show, where he was said to be watching the movies.

Going to that amusement resort, they found the judge had just left. Going to the telephone, they called up Lawrence Smith, only to find they had got into communication with the wrong member of the Smith family. To then get hold of his honor they made a systematic search, and of course found him, but it being rather late in the evening, his honor refused to put the seal of his approval upon the worthy young people, visions of various kinds coming before his eyes, among them elopements, runaways, etc. Finding the judge inexorable, the young people were perforce obliged to register at one of our hostleries till morning, when with the peep o'morn, his honor appeared in his ministerial garb and most appropriate tying mode and made them one for life. It is an ever true saying that true love never runs smooth, and we suppose this was in observance of the truth of the old saw.

CAN HEAR FROM LOUP CITY ANYWHERE

A short but interesting letter received a few days ago from our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Pilger, at Butte, Montana, under date of Jan. 20, reports all well. They write: "The winter has been mild and pleasant here. The ground is covered with about three inches of snow, but that seems to make no difference to the auto trucks and teams, as they go tearing up and down the hills. We wonder there are no more accidents, but none have been reported so far!" Mr. Pilger at the city library run across a copy of the Bee containing the account of the accident at the laundry last week, which was wired in from here for the next morning's paper, so it shows that one can hear from Loup City wherever he goes, when any thing of note occurs.