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AGED CHAMBERS MAN IS BRUTALLY BEATEN LAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Southern Holt and Garfield counties are facing another tragedy in the brutal attack made upon A. E. Earl last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Earl was found by four young men from Elgin, who were out hunting. He was able to walk, but was badly bruised about the head and other parts of his body; his lower jaw is fractured in two or more places and his condition is considered serious by the attending physicians and surgeons. Dr. J. W. Gill, of Chambers accompanied him to Omaha Monday where he was placed in the University Hospital. Dr. Ralston, of Omaha who is a surgeon, operated for the reducing of the fractures, Wednesday morning.

Mr. Earl is a bachelor and lives with his brother on a ranch southwest of Chambers. Both are respected citizens and all who are acquainted with them, speak very kindly of them. Mr. Earl tells the following story of the affair. He was out on horseback Sunday afternoon, and stopped at the Jim Peterson ranch to inquire if they had some pigs for sale whereupon he was attacked without any provocation by a young man, who tied Mr. Earl's hands behind him and beat him severely. Mr. Peterson and another man then appeared on the scene. Earl's hands were untied, and he was kicked out into the road, after being denied the privilege of having his horse. The young men from Elgin went back after the horse and Mr. Earl was helped along by sympathetic neighbors to the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Nettie Earl, in Chambers, where he was given medical attention.

The supposition is that liquor is at the bottom of this sad affair. Since Mr. Earl was attacked in Garfield county, the authorities at Burwell were notified. Immediate efforts were made to apprehend the assailants, who should be severely dealt with. Feeling ran high in Chambers Tuesday and when Sheriff Waters telephoned that he had a suspicious character covered near the Pat Boyle

place, southeast of Chambers, several carloads of men drove down to assist if help was needed, in capturing him. He was soon surrounded and arrested by the sheriff, who brought him to Chambers. The man gave his name as Ritterbaugh, of Burwell. He admitted that he was at the Peterson ranch but denied that he did the beating. Suspicions next pointed to Gerret Boyle, whom Ritterbaugh claims was his companion on Sunday afternoon. Boyle left for Omaha Monday morning. He returned home Wednesday and will be arrested as soon as he can be located. Ritterbaugh is being held in the county jail at Burwell. Just what charge will be filed against these men, if it can be proven that they are the guilty ones, will depend on whether Mr. Earl survives his injuries.

DOCTORS AND DENTISTS OF HOLT COUNTY HAVE ORGANIZED CREDIT BOARD

The Physicians and Dentists of Holt County and surrounding counties have organized a Professional Men's Credit Board, whose object it is to raise the standard of professional credits in their respective counties and arrange for an exchange of information among its members relative to delinquent accounts.

The organization is unanimous as practically every physician and dentist has signed the agreement to become a member.

The physicians and dentists feel that there is a demand for better and improved service, and to give this, requires new and more expensive equipment, which must be paid for.

They also feel that when they are giving their whole time to their work (night and day) that attention should be given to more prompt payment of medical and dental bills.

It is to be able to check upon those who do not pay as promptly as they should that the various organizations are being formed.

The organization maintains national offices and connections in every city in the U. S., and local in each county.

JOHN A. HARMON

Quite suddenly, on October 9th, 1929, John A. Harmon passed away at his home in O'Neill, of a heart ailment. His death brings us closer to a realization that the passing years have taken heavy toll of the pioneers, those strong hearted, confident young men who came here in the seventies and early eighties, stayed on through Indian scares, locusts, panic and drought, assisting by their presence and their labor in the building of a new country.

John A. Harmon was born in Cascade, Michigan, on August 14th, 1863. In the spring of 1884, 45 years ago, he came to O'Neill and took up a homestead about 16 miles southwest of O'Neill, upon which he proved up. Following that, he came to O'Neill and worked in various offices in the Court House until 1891, when he went to Ann Arbor, Mich., to study law. He was graduated in 1893, returning immediately to O'Neill where he engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1894 he was appointed Register of the Land Office at O'Neill by President Cleveland. In 1898 he was elected Mayor of O'Neill.

He was married to Margaret C. McLaughlin on January 30, 1901.

In 1903 he was elected Clerk of the District Court of Holt County, Neb., and was twice re-elected. He was the first Democrat to ever be elected to that office in the county.

Mr. Harmon was a most interesting conversationalist, and was famed as an orator, toast-master and after dinner speaker. He was an ardent Democrat and all of his lifetime occupied an important and influential position in the councils of his party.

He saw only good in his fellow-man; irrespective of the views of others, John A. Harmon saw and spoke only of the good qualities and the accomplishments of his neighbors. No unkind word ever came from his lips. His was a kindly, friendly soul which with his pleasing personality, made him a great many loyal friends who, today, mourn his passing.

He was a charter member of Charles Carrol of Carrollton Council, Knights of Columbus No. 701.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; one son, Emmet A.; one daughter, Eva Theresa; one brother, Lewis, Des Moines, Iowa; three sisters, Elizabeth Harmon and Mrs. Haskel, both of Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. David E. Uhl, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The funeral services were held at St. Patrick's Catholic church last Saturday and the remains laid to rest in Calvary cemetery.

In addition to his immediate family, Elizabeth Harmon, of Des Moines, Iowa, Mrs. David E. Uhl and Doctor Madeline Doyle, both of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mrs. W. H. Carrigg, Sioux City, Iowa; Hugh J. Boyle, Norfolk, and Pat Stanton, Tilden, were in attendance at the funeral.

CARD OF THANKS

For every act of helpful kindness and sympathy on the part of neighbors and friends, on occasion of our recent bereavement in the loss of our beloved father and husband, we desire in this manner to make known our earnest sense of gratitude.

Mrs. John A. Harmon.
Miss Eva Harmon.
Emmet A. Harmon.

ROYAL THEATRE PROGRAM PLEASES EWING EDITOR

(Ewing Advocate)
The editor and family were the guests of Mrs. Rasely at the special talking picture "Dangerous Curves" held at the Royal Theatre at O'Neill last week, and to say that we enjoyed the show would be putting it lightly. We have wondered, for some time whether the "talkies" were here to stay, or whether they would finally cease to interest, and the producers would go back to the silent pictures. From the size of the two crowds that attended "Dangerous Curves" we would judge that the interest in the talkies is on the increase, if anything for the house was packed to the gunwales and as soon as the first show was over, another large crowd was assembled on the outside to see the picture. It would seem, also, that 50 cents is a lot of money for a picture show, but we will have to admit that the quality of the shows Mrs. Rasely is putting on is worth the extra money. To equip an ordinary theatre for the talkies costs considerable money, and the films cost something scandalous, at the present time, but if one is to judge from the size of the crowds which are flocking to the talkies, we should guess that they are paying a good profit on the investment.

A Candy Sale will be held at Ben Grady's store, Saturday, Oct. 19th at two o'clock. The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian Church will sponsor this event.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

The officials of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration, which will be held in Omaha on November 5th, 6th and 7th, commemorating the 75th anniversary of Nebraska as a territory, have announced a Citizenship Contest to be held at this time, for the young citizens of Nebraska between the ages of 16 and 21 years. Each county will be allowed two contestants, one boy and one girl.

This contest for the state is under the auspices of Chancellor E. A. Burnette, University of Nebraska, Chairman; A. A. Reed, University of Nebraska; Father D. B. O'Connor, State Superintendent of Catholic Schools and Charles W. Taylor, the State Superintendent of Public Schools.

All expenses of the trip, for the 1000 contestants, will be paid by the Diamond Jubilee Committee.

This contest is new and unique. It is the first of its kind ever attempted in the United States. It is a worthy contest since it places a premium on intelligence and personality rather than on beauty and physical perfection alone. The young people in our county should, by all means, be given an opportunity to participate. News of this contest has reached me late and time is short. Each school containing pupils of these ages have the privilege of sending delegates to the County Contest.

The contestants will be chosen through intelligence, health, and civic-personality tests which will be administered in each county on Saturday, October 26th. The examination for Holt County will be held in the O'Neill Public School at 9 o'clock.

All civic organizations in the county would be entitled to send contestants to O'Neill, such as the Woman's Clubs, American Legion, Parent-Teacher Association, Community Club etc. These delegates should be selected from your community. They need not belong to your organization. For further information please write or call the County Superintendent.

An essay contest will also be held upon the subject "A True Story of Service Rendered Nebraska by a Pio-

neer." This need not be written by a pioneer but it must be a story of a real person and a real event in the Nebraska pioneer days. The story is limited to 2500 words. It may be shorter. All manuscripts must be sent to the Diamond Jubilee Pioneer Story Committee, 201 City Hall, Omaha, Nebraska, by October 20th. Six prizes will be given in this contest, the first of which will be \$200.00. Any one may enter this contest. No name shall appear on the manuscript but a sealed envelope containing the name and address of the writer shall accompany each story. For further information regarding the Essay Contest, call the County Superintendent at once.

The 1929 Holt County Teacher's Institute was held in the O'Neill High School on Thursday and Friday, October 10th and 11th. Three hundred fifty teachers and seniors Normal Trainers attended the meetings. All instructors gave very valuable and helpful material, and the teachers went back into their schools with renewed enthusiasm. An entertainment program was given on Thursday afternoon by the pupils of the O'Neill Public School and on Friday one was given by St. Boniface School, Stuart, and St. Mary's Academy, O'Neill. Both programs were very well rendered.

A very enjoyable program was given on Thursday evening. Mrs. J. Floyd McLain gave a very interesting address on her "Trip Around the World." Some very fine musical selections were rendered by Mrs. J. I. Ray, Miss Ruth Kraemer and Mr. R. V. Jones.

Mrs. Ed L. O'Donnell and daughter Patricia, returned Tuesday evening from a visit with her mother at Norfolk.

Word was received from Mrs. Geo. Robertson, that her father, J. R. Thomas, of Lincoln, passed away this morning. Mr. Thomas was a resident of Holt county for several years, residing on the Jackson ranch, near Opportunity. Mr. Robertson, son and daughter will drive to Lincoln Friday to attend the funeral, which will be held on Saturday.

SPIRIT OF BROADWAY CAUGHT WITH FILM "BROADWAY BABIES"

The gay scenes in a musical comedy theatre on Broadway; a gang fight to death on a side street in New York; the rehearsal hall where big productions are born; a theatrical boarding house—all these are brought vividly to the screen in "Broadway Babies," a singing, talking and dancing picture which stars Alice White at the Royal Theatre Sunday and Monday.

"Broadway Babies" is a First National-Vitaphone production, with dialogue and music throughout. Special musical numbers, written just for this picture, including "Broadway Baby Dolls" the theme song; "Jig, Jig, Jigaloo," a snappy dancing number which Miss White sings, and "Wishing and Waiting for Love," another fast moving dancing number. A chorus of fifty dancing girls is seen in the musical comedy scenes with Miss White and the splendid Vitaphone orchestra, directed by Louis Silvers, provided the music.

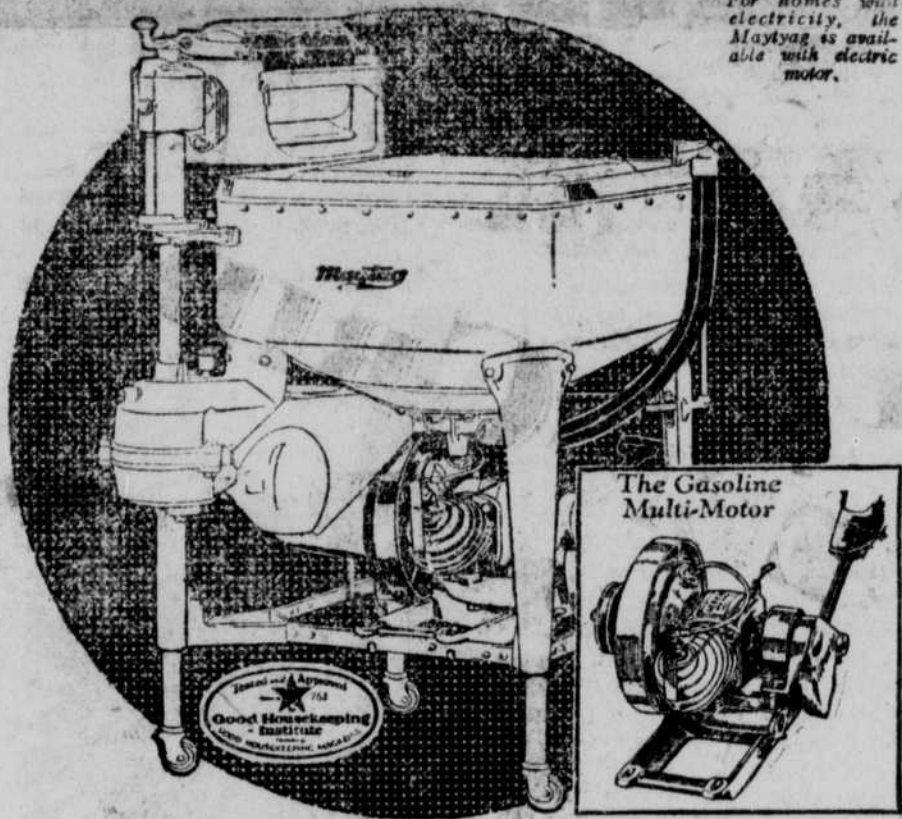
The story is adapted from Jay Geller's novelette "Broadway Musketees," and tells the experiences of three little dancing girls on the Great White Way.

Miss White portrays one, of course, and the others are played by Sally Eilers and Marion "Peanuts" Byron. Charles Delaney is seen opposite the star; and the big cast includes Fred Kohler, Louis Natheaux, Tom Dugan, Jocelyn Lee, Maurice Black, Henry Otto, Bodil Rosing and many others.

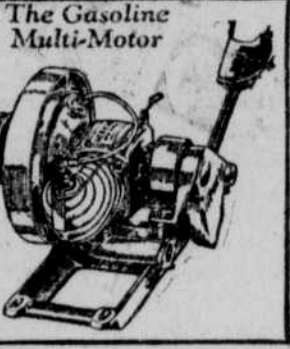
"Broadway Babies" was directed by Mervyn LeRoy, a graduate of the musical comedy and vaudeville stage, who was ideally fitted for handling the megaphone on his story of theatrical life.

KECK-STOTTS

John Keck and Violet Stotts, both of Lynch, Neb., were united in marriage at the M. E. parsonage Thursday evening, October 17th, Rev. Fortune officiating. They were accompanied by Edna Keck and Mrs. Elva McCracken.



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