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MAKES IMPRESSION IN WESTERN MUSICAL CIRCLES

Mrs. Charles J. Johnson, Formerly Miss Marguerite Walters of This City in Recital.

The Sheridan (Wyoming) Daily Enterprise of April 12th has the following to say of the musical work of Mrs. Charles J. Johnson, of that city, formerly Miss Marguerite Walters, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Walters, of this city:

"Mrs. Charles J. Johnson appeared in concert arranged for the patients at the veterans' hospital at Fort Mackenzie Tuesday afternoon. Her rich, full contralto and her pleasing presence are daily the source of more and more favorable comment and indeed fortunate are those who have the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Johnson.

"The program was a long one, and was given to a highly appreciative audience. The comic opera, 'The Little Damozel,' which was acted out, is well worth mentioning, for Mrs. Johnson has the ability to enter into the atmosphere and moods of a 'Perfect Day.' All her numbers were charmingly sung. Her voice is sweet and tuneful, and she sings with a style that captivates.

"Mrs. Johnson was assisted by little Miss Geraldine Nelson, who prettily danced the Highland Fling and the Sword dance. Mrs. Charles Faulkner and Miss Mabel Johnson each gave a reading and Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Frank Fryberger rendered a piano duet. An interesting feature of the program was the male quartet, composed of Mackenzie people who have received their instruction from Mrs. Johnson. The quartet members are Messrs. Newby, Baum, Thoren and Lathan. Mr. Benjamin Newby delighted the gathering with a baritone solo, also under the instruction of Mrs. Johnson. The ladies carried with them an abundance of lovely home made candies to give to the boys.

"Miss Hazel Scott accompanied Mrs. Johnson and the other singers on the piano, and her work as an accompanist shows ability worthy of commendation."

ENJOY A FINE TIME

The Sunday School board of the First Methodist church met in the parlors of the church Friday evening at 6:30. After a lovely dinner served by Mesdames Howland, Marshall, Trively and Westcott, the business of the evening was taken up. Aubrey Duxbury, assistant superintendent, was in charge. The resignation of Mrs. R. B. Hayes as superintendent of the junior department because of ill health of her mother, was accepted and Mrs. H. W. Schultz was elected to fill the vacancy. The office of assistant in the same department was made vacant by the removal of Helen Sivey from the city was filled by the election of Sarah Rector. Mrs. Charles Peacock resigned the superintendency of the primary department because of her leaving the city in the near future and her place was filled by the election of the assistant, Ethel Babbitt. Olive Bonge was elected to take the assistant in this department.

The Sunday school is in good condition according to reports. Especially are we happy to note that the bills are being cared for as they occur. The attendance is on the increase, and the interest is better. One of the very helpful additions to the Sunday school is the teachers' training class which meets on Wednesday evening of each week at 7:00 o'clock. This class studies fundamentals and is just the study every Sunday school teacher needs. Any one can enroll at any time.

FORMER PLATTSMOUTH LADY DIES IN ENGLAND

The announcement has been received here by friends of the death of Mrs. Jeanne Larimer at her home in Nuneaton, England, after a short illness. The deceased lady will be remembered by many of the older residents of this city as Miss Jeanne Helps, sister of Henry J. Helps, and with whom she made her home while a resident here. Miss Helps returned to the family home in England at the time the Helps family removed to the west and was married there.

The brother, Henry J. Helps, who now resides at Los Angeles, is en route to England to visit his old home and the grave of the sister. The death of Mrs. Larimer occurred on March 9th.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express publicly our appreciation of the kind efforts of our friends and neighbors and the members of the Plattsmouth Fire department at the fire at our home Saturday afternoon. Their splendid work will always be remembered with gratitude.—Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stewart.

IN INSURANCE GAME

From Monday's Daily.

D. C. Morgan, the retiring postmaster, who this morning turned over the local office to James W. Holmes, has started out right away in his new line of work and will in the future have charge of the line of insurance formerly handled by Mr. Holmes, so the two gentlemen have, as it were, merely changed positions. Mr. Morgan has for the past twenty years been more or less in touch with the public as deputy and later county clerk and postmaster, and will be in a position to meet intimately the residents of the county.

NEW POSTMASTER AT THE HELM AFTER SOME DELAY

James W. Holmes Takes up Position to Which he Was Appointed Several Weeks Ago.

From Monday's Daily.

There was something strange and out of the usual routine apparent at the postoffice this morning and this was the first time since 1113 the postoffice was in new hands, and D. C. Morgan, who has served as postmaster for the past ten years, had retired and been succeeded by James W. Holmes, newly appointed Nasby.

Mr. Holmes has been awaiting the arrival of his commission for several weeks as the announcement was made from Washington in the latter part of February of his appointment, but the commission had been delayed. Mr. Morgan has been arranging the affairs of the office so that they would be all ready for an instant change and the transfer of the authority caused not a ripple in the smooth running machinery of the office and no changes were made in the operating force.

The postoffice has been operating under more or less difficulty for the past few weeks as the post office department has caused the operating force down so that it is almost impossible for the clerks to get to and from their meals without shutting down the office and for some time it was necessary to close the general delivery window at the time the mail was being distributed.

EXPRESS APPRECIATION

At the church service on Sunday evening, Rev. Frank Emery Pfoutz read an editorial that appeared in the Plattsmouth Journal entitled "Your Christian Duty." After reading the editorial, he read the following resolution:

"We, the congregation of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, recognizing the moral value of recent editorials that have appeared in the columns of our home paper, wish to commend the editor for his rightful attitude on the matter of church attendance and religious training of the young, and endorse the sentiments he has expressed."

At the request of the pastor a standing vote was taken. About 200 voted enthusiastically for the resolution. The few who did not vote for it did not register their votes against it.

BACK HOME AGAIN

From Tuesday's Daily.

Henry A. Guthmann of the Bank of Murdock was here yesterday following his release from the hospital in Omaha where for several weeks he had been in very critical condition. Mr. Guthmann was operated on for a mastoid abscess and for a time his condition caused the gravest of apprehensions to his family and friends and it is more than pleasing to see the genial banker back home again and feeling so much better. It is to be hoped that he may continue to show improvement until he has completely recovered from the effects of his serious malady.

WILL ATTEND MEETING

From Monday's Daily.

This afternoon, Mrs. F. R. Gobelman and Mrs. T. L. Short departed for Lincoln where they go to attend the conference of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion which is to be held there this week. Mrs. Gobelman has been invited to deliver the address of response to the welcome of the Lincoln chapter while Mrs. Short is the local president and representative of the auxiliary. The meeting will be one of great importance to the organization and will have representatives present from this section of the state.

HAS CAR STOLEN

From Monday's Daily.

Louis Mougay of Union had an unpleasant experience at Lincoln last evening that he will remember for some time as it involved the loss of his Ford touring car, two lap robes and a sheep skin driving coat. Mr. Mougay had the car parked near the St. Paul's Methodist church between 8:00 and 8:45 o'clock during the church service hours and when desiring to return home he found the car was among the missing.

Blank books at Journal office.

ANNIVERSARY OF GREAT BLIZZARD

Fifty Years Ago Sunday Great Storm Was Dying—Caused Loss of Property and Life.

On April 13, 14 and 15, 1873, the famous "Easter storm" swept Nebraska. The entire western country was visited by a disturbance which secures to have its peak of greatest intensity across this state. The wind blew with terrific force for three days, causing an immense amount of loss to live stock and property and the destruction of considerable number of human lives.

The state was in its early pioneer period. Most of the houses were light, shell like affairs or sod houses, dugouts or log cabins. The snow was driven with great force into these poorly constructed buildings and caused more suffering than a similar storm could at the present time.

All communication was interrupted for several days. The Union Pacific railroad company lost fifty miles of telegraph line in a solid block west of Wood River. It was some time before trains could be operated again with regularity. The E. & M. in Nebraska, which had been built from Plattsmouth to Lincoln and for some distance west was also seriously discommodated.

The storm extended north into Dakota and as far south as Texas, but was more severe in this state than anywhere else. The wind blew from 90 to 70 miles an hour as closely as it could be estimated, and many small structures were destroyed. Nearly all of the residents of the state had recently arrived and they sent back east thrilling accounts of the storm and its severity. This is therefore the fiftieth anniversary of the dying down of the fury of one of three of the outstanding meteorological disturbances in the history of the state. The others were the blizzard of January 12, 1838, and the two days of burning heat on July 26-27, 1894.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS

The Literary department of the Plattsmouth Woman's club enjoyed a very pleasant time on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. James M. Robertson on Vine Street, and which was attended by the ladies of this department and others of the club members.

The topic of the meeting was "Edgar Guest" and the works and life of this popular poet were discussed by the various members of the party.

Mr. A. Robertson took up the works of Mr. Guest, Mrs. P. J. Flynn discussed his love of home, Mrs. H. C. Leopold his personal life and Miss Minnie Gutmann, the lyric values of his works. Miss Jessie Robertson also gave a reading, "At the Tea Table," from the poems of Mr. Guest and which was a pleasing feature of the meeting.

The leader of the meeting was Mrs. Pauline Oldham Young, of Murray, and who had charge of the exceptionally clever program. Visitors from out of the city at the session were Mrs. G. H. Gilmore, Mrs. W. G. McCracken, Misses Margie Walker and Kelly of Murray.

DELIVERS SPLENDID SERMON

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday the congregation at the St. Luke's church enjoyed an unusual treat at the morning service when the Rev. Herbert Leigh Lawrence of Menominee, Michigan, was present and gave the sermon of the day. The visiting minister, who is one of the prominent leaders in the church in the United States, discussed the present day problems of the church in the nation and caused some amusement by his description of a strange malady that affected church people, starting in Saturday evening and from which they did not recover until after Sunday noon. The distinguished minister has been at the church conference in Omaha the past week and it was this fact that gave the Plattsmouth people the opportunity of hearing him.

ROADS ARE IMPROVING

From Monday's Daily.

The roads in this section are apparently getting better, judging from the amount of travel that was noticeable yesterday especially on the federal highway through this city and several hundred cars were on the road all of the time traveling from this city to Omaha and also from Omaha to points south, and other cars journeying toward the metropolis. A very large number of Plattsmouth people were in Omaha for the day, making the trip by auto.

MARRIED HERE SATURDAY

Rev. F. E. Pfoutz had the pleasure of making Ray Courtney of Percival, Iowa, and Jessie Hindman of Sidney, Iowa, happy late Saturday afternoon when he read the marriage lines to them and received their pledge of faith each to the other. The couple left immediately via auto for parts unknown.

RETURNS TO CITY

Miss Sophia Chaloupka, who has for the past year been employed in some of the largest and best ladies' ready-to-wear stores in Omaha, has returned to Plattsmouth and is now located at the Ladies Toggery as saleslady. Miss Chaloupka is an expert in this line and that she has decided to return to her home town to take employment is a pleasure to the large circle of friends who are able to be a valuable asset to the Toggery and an added aid to the shoppers with her expert knowledge of the values and qualities of ladies' garments.

AUXILIARY HOLDS ALL DAY SESSION

Sixty Members From First District Attend the Lincoln Gathering Tuesday at Lincoln Hotel.

From Wednesday's Daily.

About 60 members of first district of the American Legion Auxiliary attended the all day session of the district Tuesday at the Lincoln hotel. The convention was called to order by the district committeewoman, Mrs. T. J. Gist of Falls City, and the morning session was taken up with reports of the various units, greetings from visiting officers and the election of officers for the coming year. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. C. E. McGlasson of Lincoln and the response by Mrs. F. R. Gobelman of Plattsmouth. Mrs. J. E. Baird of Lincoln, national committeewoman, gave a short talk on Americanization and said that the American Legion and the Auxiliary would observe a national Americanization day program the last Friday in April and that all organizations were invited to join. Ten units reported what their chapter had done in the way of hospitalization work, raising money for welfare work, aiding ex-service men and their families, establishing club rooms and aiding in the social life of the community.

In an open forum, conducted by Mrs. Gist the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. T. J. Gist, president; Mrs. O. F. Lang, vice president, and Mrs. F. R. Gobelman, secretary-treasurer. The question also discussed was what should be done with the proceeds of the poppy sale which will be held sometime the week before Memorial day. The poppies will be made of silk and will be worn on Memorial day. A part of the proceeds will go toward decorating the graves of the soldiers who lost their lives during the war, and the remainder will be used for welfare work. The use of ritual service in conducting the meetings was suggested and approved.

The afternoon program opened with a soprano solo by Mrs. Evabelle Long Fuller of Cotner university and solos by Paul Reed, Miss Ruth Tanner and Miss Suzanne, pupils of Miss Marjorie Barstow, entertained with an aesthetic dance.

Mrs. E. C. Warner, state president, in an address urged the necessity of the Auxiliary pledging support to the cause of peace and readjustment and urged that the co-operation in time of peace be the same as they did in war times. She said that the object of the Auxiliary was to give the same unselfish service now to the soldiers that they gave when the men were in khaki. In order that the people over the state might be benefited units must be organized wherever there is a legion post. She said that since district meetings were being held that there had been an increase in membership, more interest in Americanism and welfare work and in all phases of Auxiliary work.

Visiting state officers and delegates who attended the convention included Mrs. C. F. Lang, Falls City; Mrs. E. C. Warner, state president, Norfolk; Mrs. T. J. Gist, Falls City; Mrs. T. L. Short, Mrs. F. R. Gobelman, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Nellie Chaney, Falls City; Mrs. John J. Metzger, Mrs. E. A. Reuter, Syracuse; Mrs. W. W. DeWolfe, Mrs. Minnie Rasmussen, Bennet; Mrs. Ina Dallam, Peru; Mrs. Edith Swanson, Mrs. Frances M. Barnes, Tecumseh, and Mrs. A. D. Bratt, Bennett.—Lincoln State Journal.

HAS SMALL FIRE

From Tuesday's Daily.

Sparks from the chimney at the residence of Councilman L. E. Vroman in South Park this morning caused a small fire. It occurred shortly before noon and did very little damage as only a few shingles were burned. The prompt work of the members of the family and others getting the fire under control. The fire department was called but by the time they arrived the fire was extinguished without much loss.

"DOC" YOUNG POORLY

For the past few days, Howard M. Young, or "Doc" as he is better known, has been quite poorly at his home on Pearl street and seems to be suffering from the effects of a slight paralytic stroke suffered Saturday. The patient is quite well advanced in years and the attack has proven a very severe burden on him and his condition has caused some apprehension to his friends.

JOURNAL WANT ADS PAY. TRY THEM.

CASS COUNTY PEOPLE SEEKING RIVER PROPERTY

Marie Brazeal, Lemon Bates and Others Seek Title to Island Near Nebraska City.

Suit to quiet title in the Kloos & Bauer island, a river property containing from 1,500 to 2,000 acres, has been started in the district court of Otoe county by D. O. Dwyer, a Plattsmouth attorney. The suit has Marie Brazeal, formerly Mrs. Ira Bates, as plaintiff, and Lemon Bates and others as defendants.

Ordinarily quieting title suits are not of general interest, but this one possesses some features which make it one of the best known real estate law suits in years, if it is carried through court, as seems to be the intention of the parties at this time.

The suit, according to the petition filed, runs against land which is owned by Mike Bauer and the heirs of the late Adam Kloos, of Nebraska City, although others are also named in the papers just filed. Messrs. Kloos and Bauer bought a part of the island in 1881 from one Eugenius Wilhelm who, the record shows got title from D. J. Hinterlester who, in turn received his deed from the United States government in 1858.

For years Mr. Bauer cut wood off the tract, which is about two miles southeast of the city, and sold it in Nebraska City. Several hundred acres of the island, too, have been cultivated for more than forty years, and the results consists of sand bar and land overgrown by brush and small trees.

One Ira Bates, Mrs. Brazeal's former husband, maintained a home on the land for several years. After his death his wife remarried and it is in her name and for her minor children that the suit has been started, it is said.

B. D. Tait and the Sand estate also owned a portion of the island at one time, but until the records are checked, carefully it is difficult to determine what title they have. The river has torn away here and added there, year after year, until the original holdings have been changed with the years.

There is some dispute too among attorneys as to the exact location of the land. One attorney said yesterday he believes the land is in Iowa instead of being a part of Nebraska. The Otoe county records, however, would indicate that it is Nebraska soil or at least has been so by "adverse possession" for a half century or more.

Several months ago peace officers were informed that a bootlegging group used the island for headquarters. No search of the place has been made for some time, because it is difficult of access and one trip, about a year ago, resulted in a "water riot" at that time the place did not seem to be inhabited.

The Kloos and Bauer interests, with their record title to at least a portion of the land, will probably resist vigorously any attempt of the Cass county litigants to oust them. The record given to them is of more than forty years standing and their possession through the years has been clear and undisputed. They have paid taxes regularly to Otoe county officials and Mr. Bauer has taken a great deal of interest in the property. For some time, however, it has not yielded any steady income.—Nebraska City Press.

CITY MAKES IT HARD FOR THOSE EVADING TAX

Chief of Police and City Clerk Round Up Parties Who Have Failed to Pay License Fees.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon was a hectic time in the office of City Clerk A. H. Duxbury, when the clerk and Chief of Police Jones were busy rounding up the visiting junk dealers and making them come across and in this they were assisted by Judge Weber. In the morning two junk men from the state metropolis to our north arrived here and paid over to the city clerk the sum of \$25 required for license to operate in buying the aforesaid junk, and to the clerk in conversation the two men imparted the information that there were four other men engaged in the same line of work in the city and as they had failed to pay a license, the chief of police at once started out and in a short time had the men lined up.

The scene of action was transferred to the court of Judge Weber where for violating the city ordinance the four men were assessed \$10 and costs and compelled to either pay the license or cease doing business.

The activity of the police and clerk in the last few days has resulted in the paying over to the city treasury of many iron men in return for the privileges of doing business in our peaceful little city.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our thanks to the neighbors and friends who showed us so many courtesies during our bereavement in the death of our wife, mother, daughter and sister. We are especially grateful to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Woodmen Circle, Cosmopolitan Club, Bolter-makers, Pupils and Teachers of Columbia school and Shopcraft Auxiliary for the beautiful floral remembrances.—Henry Lutz and Family; Albert Schwartz and Family.

RICKENBACKER TOURING CAR

For Sale: New Rickenbacker touring car, never used yet. Write Box 245 or call phone No. 203, Weeping Water, Nebr. a12-25w

HAVE PLEASANT TIME

From Wednesday's Daily.

The young men's Bible Class of the Methodist church enjoyed an unusual treat last evening when County Attorney Cole addressed them on the subject of astronomy, and the county legal advisor proved that he was thoroughly familiar with the heavenly bodies and brought forth many facts that were of the greatest interest to the young men and which made clear many of the points about the planets and stars that populate the heavens.

As a special enjoyable portion of the evening entertainment, Miss Mays, who is a guest at the Methodist parsonage, favored the class with two delightful vocal numbers that were heartily enjoyed.

The new eats committee of Alvin Craig and Hallie Perry was on the job and at the close of the evening distributed some very enjoyable refreshments.

MARRIED AT THE COURT HOUSE

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning shortly after Judge Beeson arrived at the county court he was called upon to officiate in his favorite role, that of the marrying judge, and the young people to receive the judicial blessing were Arden R. Mechling of Lima, Ohio, and Miss Alice McKee of Auburn. The ceremony was performed with the usual impressive manner of the court and Miss Lillian White and Mr. W. E. Patterson of Lincoln were the witnesses.

When your letterheads, envelopes, statements or other printed forms begin to run low, call us up. We will have more ready for you promptly.

DOINGS IN THE DISTRICT COURT

From Tuesday's Daily.

The case of C. G. Mayfield et al. vs. Edward Ingram was on trial yesterday afternoon before Judge Hegarty and the court decided that the petition of the plaintiff as far as regarded the issuance of a permanent injunction against the defendants covering the erection of a fence on the property in dispute between the parties. Each party was adjudged to pay half of the costs of the action. The case involved real estate in the village of Louisville.

An action was filed here in the district court entitled the First National bank of Imperial vs. Frank Elias Hay et al. and involves a number of notes in the settlement of an estate in Chase county and in which Cass county parties are interested.

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GIVES FINE DEMONSTRATION

From Tuesday's Daily.

Those who visited the store of Bestor & Swatek today were much pleased with the demonstration given by Mr. R. C. Sipe of the Red Star line of oil and gasoline burning stoves. These stoves burn kerosene or gasoline, it makes no difference which, and does this with perfect safety and all of the convenience that could be asked of any make of stove on the market. The burners are without wicks and consequently avoid the trouble with so many of the older makes of oil stoves. The burners are of cast iron and each one guaranteed for a period of ten years, and nineteen hours burning on a gallon of kerosene. Mr. Sipe, who will be here over to tomorrow, gives practical demonstration of the stoves and all of the different points that would appeal to the housewife. For the baking and cooking in the summer season these stoves are certainly a great aid and comfort to the family.

CORDIAL FRIENDLY BANKING SERVICE

King Tut's Money!

The wealth which lay for three thousand years in the tomb of King Tut at Luxor has not gained in real value. Yet if it had been in a bank drawing interest it would have increased to a total that would stagger the imagination.

It was actually hoarded money, lying idle and useless.

There is only one place for surplus funds and that is in the bank. When you put your money in a Savings Account at the First National Bank, it is absolutely safe, and you are putting it where it will work for you. Open a Savings Account today! We pay 4% compound interest.

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