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AD CLUB HAS TRIP THROUGH LOCAL SHOPS

DEALERS IN VARIOUS LINES OF BUSINESS TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO INSPECT THEM

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the members of the Plattsmouth Ad club enjoyed a trip through Burlington shops and some thirty of the members were rounded up for the trek to the big industrial plant of the railroad, and to them the workings of the various departments was a revelation and to many, who had not been visitors to the shops in the past the trip was a big treat in the way of re-education of what is doing every day right in our own community.

The party arrived at the office of Superintendent William Baird, who in his usual pleasant manner extended them the glad hand and saw that their visit was made as interesting as possible in looking over the different departments of the shops.

The first place visited was the domain where Storekeeper W. F. Hunkeke presides, and where the supplies of the railroad are distributed to the different points and it is necessary to see the large line of all kinds of material carried in the store department to realize just how important this department is in the railroad game and to appreciate that the store department keeps the all important line of supplies going all the time.

Out in the mechanical departments the visitors had the opportunity of seeing the active workings of the shops and the fact that 573 men were busy grinding out the day's labor was more thoroughly realized when the Ad club saw with their own eyes the work going on. The number of men on the payroll is now 573 and is greater than it has been at any time for years and by the first of June it is expected to make the number of employees reach the 600 mark.

The next place visited was the shops where the refrigerator repair department is now working on the cars. The work required to fit the cars for travel on the road and the visitors saw the whole process of making over the freezers from the overhauling of the truck, the stripped frame and the putting on of the boards and packing the lining. The work is now completed car resplendent in yellow and red paint and ready for service. There are twenty-six of these cars turned over every month, which is a good record and no matter what comes up, the quota of the shop is made and the cars delivered as promptly as the best of the industry. The fact that the shop here does all of the refrigerator work on the lines west was news to many of the party, but the way the employees were hitting the ball showed how well the standing of the shops was being kept up.

The steel car shop is another of the efficient places in the shop and the cars are made over there from the trucks up, the steel frames replaced or straightened and sent out on the road as good as new and in here the repairing is done very high each month in completed cars.

The visitors also viewed the new power plant which was erected at a cost of \$25,000 and includes a smoke stack 160 feet in height and the plant supplied with the latest type of boilers for the work of maintaining the work in the various departments of the shops.

In the blacksmith shop, mill and upholstery shop there was found the usual hum of industry and everyone busy turning out some part, great or small, of the daily production that goes to keep the road running and in very high standard of efficiency found in these departments.

While the party were in the coach shop, which is one of the best on the Burlington system, they enjoyed seeing a dining car being prepared for service on the road and which had been given a thorough overhauling and which was nearing completion for service on the road again and every part of the car from the frame to the kitchen and other plumbing being repaired, the interior redecorated and trimmed up and when it is ready for service it will be a real car in every sense of the term. There have been two of these cars put out this month and the third is being arranged for service in a short time. In this department the care of the general manager of the Burlington is also being overhauled and put in first class shape and will be practically a new car when it is again placed in service. In this line of work the carpenters, the painters and the steamfitters are all busy and producing real results.

The tin shop and machine shop are also very busy places and in the machine shop there are large numbers of car axels to be worked over and tested as well as having the wheels placed on them and prepared for the use of the truckmen and providing them for use on the cars on the road. The tin shop and especially the buffer department attracted

a large amount of attention from the visitors in making the different nickel and bronze fixtures used in the cars.

The lumber yard, which is a part of the supply department, also attracted the attention of the gang of visitors to the "mill" and other places where lumber is used and has quite an extensive force busy handling the orders for delivery to the different departments of the shops.

The trip was enjoyed by everyone and a real appreciation of the shops and the excellent work produced by the employees under the efficient guidance of Superintendent William Baird, carried away by the visitors.

LAST CONCERT OF THE MAY FESTIVAL

Will be Held at Orpheum Theatre in Omaha Wednesday Morning by Festival Orchestra.

The fifth and last concert of the May Festival Series, given under the auspices of the Omaha Woman's club, will be presented at the Orpheum theatre at eleven o'clock, on Wednesday, Memorial day, by the Festival orchestra of forty men, under the direction of Robert Cuscadan, with Harry S. Disbrow, baritone, as soloist. Special arrangements have been made to admit all school children to this concert at a special price of 25 cents. The festival war veterans will be guests of honor and will occupy boxes.

PROGRAM

- 1—Overture, "Fingals Cave," by Mendelssohn.
- 2—Symphonic Poem, "Andromeda and the Storm King," by Augusta Holmes.
- 3—"Credo" from "Othello," by Verdi. Harry S. Disbrow and orchestra.
- 4—Praeludium, by Armas Jarnefelt.
- 5—Peer Gynt Suite No. 1, by Edvard Grieg. (a) "Morning," (b) "Death of Asa," (c) "Anitra's Dance," and (d) "In the Hall of the Mountain King."

Patronesses for the fifth concert are as follows: Miss Helen Millard, Mrs. Louis Nash, Mrs. L. K. Kenney, Mrs. J. J. Sullivan, Mrs. Geo. Johnston, Mrs. Henry Doory and J. J. McMillan.

GOLF COURSE IS BEING MADE READY FOR EARLY PLAY

Hope to Have Everything in Readiness for Play Next Week—Many in the Club.

The Plattsmouth Golf club, composed not only of residents of the city but also from the neighboring countryside as well, is to commence playing on the new course within the next week if present plans materialize, and there seems little doubt but that they will.

Yesterday the work of preparing the greens was started and the grounds are being placed in the pink of condition for the opening of the links on the Luke L. Wiles farm southwest of the city, and it is believed that by the middle of the coming week the golfers may be out and enjoy a course of play on the links.

The committee in charge of the drive has been meeting with unequalled success and the responses to their campaign have been such that it will probably be necessary to set a limit on the membership owing to the increasing number that desire to join, but which cannot be accommodated on the course.

DIDN'T GET ENUF LAST WEEK

From Thursday's Daily.

A number from here drove to Nebraska City last night to attend the carnival being given on the streets there under auspices of the Nebraska City Legion post. They report considerably fewer attractions and riding devices than carried by the Laehman shows which exhibited in Plattsmouth, but enjoyed themselves nevertheless making the rounds of the various attractions. For Saturday night, in connection with the carnival, the Neb. City Legion has arranged a combination wrestling and boxing show with Billy Edwards, well known Neb. City grappler, pitted against Emil Barhula, known as the "Terrible Turk," in the main event of the show. Several Nebraska City boxers will also appear in the show, among them Ted O'Brien, one of the good boys down there, who will fight Young Burns, of Kansas.

SURPRISED THEIR PARENTS

The children of Mr. and Mrs. August Stander, near Manley, and their families on last Sunday came to their parents' home laden with good things to eat, and celebrated most appropriately the anniversary of the wedding of this couple. There were present for the occasion Messrs. and Mesdames A. W. Selker, Edward Selker, Andrew Stander and A. F. Rauth with their families. John Stander, who lives at home, also participated in the celebration.

QUESTION OF BOTTOM LAND IS BEFORE THE COURT

Action in Which City is Plaintiff and Land Holders on the Missouri River Front Defendants.

From Thursday's Daily.

In the district court this morning the case of the City of Plattsmouth vs. the C. B. & Q. R. R. et al. was taken up. This case involves the question of right of ownership to the land east of the Burlington right-of-way and extending to the channel of the Missouri river, which has been in dispute for greater part of the time since 1916.

The interests of the railroad and those of the city are similar, as the railroad has made an agreement that insofar as they are concerned, the land in question should remain in possession of the city until needed for railroad purposes and the parties were agreeably arranged between the city and the Burlington.

The settlers on the land that is in dispute are contesting the case on several grounds on which they base their right to title. Among these are that the land was formed not by accretion to the main land, but from an island formed in 1889 in the river near where the present baseball park stands, also that the Plattsmouth Ferry company held title to the land along the original river front and not the city, and lastly that the parties who claim title to the land have had the same platted and placed on the tax lists of Cass county, Nebraska, and paid taxes thereon since 1913, and this particularly applying to the land occupied by John Cory, who fenced and improved the land in the year 1911.

The city in their contention claim that the original charter and grant of land made by the federal government to the city of Plattsmouth, covered a strip of land that later was washed away by the river, and which was located on the site of the present land that has again been built up by the shifting current; also that the territorial council and house of representatives in 1866 defined the boundary of the city limits on the east as the center of the channel of the Missouri river and that the accretions of land along the west bank of the stream was the property of the municipality, representing the citizens of Plattsmouth.

The city is represented in the action by City Attorney C. A. Rawls, of Burlington by their attorney, William A. Robertson and the settlers on the bottom land by Attorney D. O. Dwyer.

This litigation has attracted more or less attention since 1916 when the litigation was first started and has been kept revived by several different suits.

VISITED OLD FRIEND

Among the old friends who were shocked to learn of the death of Captain Thomas W. Evans at St. Joseph, Missouri, is Hon. W. H. Newell, of this city, who just a week ago had the pleasure of spending the day with Mr. Evans at the Missouri city. Both Mr. Evans and Mr. Newell are natives of Ohio and both served in Ohio regiments in the civil war and later became friends in Plattsmouth, where they located in an early day. Mr. Evans came here in 1867 and on March 2, 1870, Mr. Newell arrived and did business here with the First National Bank at the time that Mr. Evans was connected with it and since that time they have been firm and steadfast friends.

Mr. Newell has large interests near St. Joseph and has kept closely in touch with Mr. Evans through the First National bank of that city, of which Mr. Evans was vice-president and a director.

While there this last trip, Mr. Newell states he found Mr. Evans looking very poorly and that he had apparently been in poor health which led to his sudden death. Mr. Evans was the junior of Mr. Newell in years, being a little past eighty, while the judge is in his eighty-sixth year.

DELAYED TRAINS ARRIVE

From Thursday's Daily.

The washout of the Burlington on the Denver line near Benkleman, Nebraska, has been repaired and trains were operating over it today although delayed several hours. No. 6, east-bound, due here at 7:40 a. m., did not arrive here until 2 p. m. today and No. 2, yesterday operating as the third section of No. 24, reached here at 3 o'clock. The regular No. 2 due here at 4:30, will be some three hours late, according to the reports received here.

RECEIVES A SURPRISE

From Thursday's Daily.

This morning, Lena Droege received a very pleasant surprise when Mr. and Mrs. Gale Connors and little son arrived from their home at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for a visit here with the mother of Mrs. Connors. The visit was wholly unexpected and was certainly an occasion of delight to Mrs. Droege, Mrs. Connors will be remembered here as Miss Teresa Droege.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Thursday's Daily.

This morning at the Methodist hospital in Omaha, Henry A. Guthman, Murdock banker, was operated upon for a mastoid abscess on the right side of the head, and at the last reports he was coming out of the operation in very good shape, although the case is a very serious one. Mr. Guthman some time ago was operated on for a similar abscess on the left side and this operation is of a more serious nature even than the first. The friends over the county will earnestly hope for his safe recovery from his suffering.

JAIL BREAK AT STATE PENITENTIARY FRUSTRATED

Former Omaha Man Breaks From Cell in Section Containing Three Murderers.

Lincoln, May 24.—An attempt to break from the state penitentiary was halted last night by the vigilance of a member of the night patrol, and the prisoner was returned to safe keeping after surrendering to Warden Fenton and Deputy Warden Kavanagh.

It is the opinion of penitentiary guards that had the break succeeded, three men, waiting death in the electric chair, and three others of the more desperate criminals would have escaped.

Inside the prison wall is a building known as the jail. In it are kept men sentenced to death and those who will not obey prison rules. It replaces the "hole" or dungeon used in prisons before the more modern methods of treating prisoners humanely was adopted.

Court in Prison

Each morning at the Nebraska prison, Warden Fenton presides as judge to rule upon any charges of misconduct against prisoners. Three weeks ago, Ben King, sentenced to 10 years from Bufton county on June 6, 1922, for robbing a bank at Decatur, became angered at a guard who accused him of "laying down" in his work in the prison shirt factory. He seized a chair and broke one of the sewing machines. For this offense he was given an indeterminate sentence in the jail by the warden.

Last night, King broke up his bed and using the legs managed to spread the bars on his cell far enough to escape and gain entrance to the corridor. This corridor gave him access to the cells of the condemned murderers and other criminals sentenced to the jail. A ball and chain is kept in the corridor and it is believed that King expected to use this in freeing the other convicts and then breaking through the bars on the windows of the building.

Escape Was Possible

Had they been able to get thru the window it would have been possible for them to crawl from the window and reach the prison furniture factory and make their way to an easy jump to the prison wall and freedom.

The night patrol kept within the prison walls heard the noise of King breaking loose and summoned the warden and deputy. With drawn revolvers they entered the jail. King surrendered when faced by the officers. He refused to give information regarding his plans or the number in the plot.

LEAVES FOR CALIFORNIA

From Friday's Daily.

This morning, Mrs. Anna Ptak, who was the winner in the contest in the W. B. A. of the Maccabees as marathon delegate to the supreme review at Los Angeles, departed for the west. Mrs. Ptak will join the others of the party from over the state at Omaha and they will enjoy a special car on one of the deluxe trains of the Union Pacific out of Omaha this morning for the west. The trip will be made west by the way of San Francisco and Mrs. Ptak will enjoy a visit there with relatives and on the return the party will come by the southern route. Mrs. Minnie Pickett accompanied Mrs. Ptak and will spend a short time at San Diego with her sister. A very large number of the members of the Maccabees were at the station this morning to bid their friends farewell on their journey to the western country.

PLEASANT DINNER PARTY

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening, Mrs. John F. Gorder entertained very pleasantly at a three course dinner honoring Miss Elizabeth Nolting, one of the graduating class of the high school. The color scheme of red and orange, the senior class colors, was carried out in the decorations. Mrs. Gorder was assisted in entertaining and serving by Miss Marjorie Shopp and her daughter, Miss Martha Gorder. Those in attendance were: Misses Olive Quina, Marie Boyd, Thelma Underwood, Elvira Born, Harriett Peacock, Edith and Helen Farley, Dolores Wiles, Sylvia Noble, Ellen Nolting, Louise F. Putt and the guest of honor, Miss Nolting.

HAIL AND FAREWELL TO GRADUATES OF P. H. S.

CLASS OF 1923 STEPS FORTH INTO WORLD—H. S. AUDITORIUM IS CROWDED.

From Friday's Daily.

The senior class of the high school last evening played its last part as one of the units of the school's organization and the young men and women in their commencement bade farewell to the school days that have been spent within the confines of the splendid building where the high school is now located.

The present class has, in its activities, demonstrated the fact that it has in its personnel a number of young men and women of unusual talent and this was shown in the class activities as well as in the really exceptionally strong school work and this was shown by the high rank attained by the leaders of the class in their standing. The high member of the class, Frank Gradoville, had a grade of 94.44 and the other six to rank very high in the class were Harold Mullis, Joe Weber, John Warza, Ursula Herold, Edith Farley and Helen Wiles, all of whom had over 80 per cent standing.

To bid this class farewell last evening the high school was packed to the doors long before the hour set for the opening of the exercises. As the strains of the professional march played by Miss Estelle Baird and the class of forty young men and women, together with Superintendent G. E. DeWolf, Principal R. G. Campbell, A. G. Cole of the board of education and the orator of the class, Rev. J. W. G. Past, of Omaha entered the auditorium and marched to the places reserved for them on the platform.

The invocation and the benediction were offered by the Rev. F. E. Pfoutz of the First Methodist church.

Miss Helen Wiles of the class gave a very pleasing and well rendered number, using "The Jazz" by Rheinberger as her offering, and the playing reflected the greatest credit on the young pianist.

The salutatory of the class was given by Harold Mullis, class president and the second highest ranking member of the class. Mr. Mullis had a very inspiring topic for his remarks and in it showed the heights to which the class had glimpsed in their educational work in the Plattsmouth schools.

In his valedictory, Frank Gradoville gave a part of the address of the young people of the class to repay in service to the world the value of the education they had received and in his remarks, brief and well given, he gave the vision of the higher inspiration that had been the aim of the class and which the members were to carry on in their life in the future outside of the school.

Misses Harriett Peacock and Helen Farley gave a very charming vocal duet, "My Memory," by Peery and the voices of these two young ladies were truly pleasing to the large audience.

The address of the Rev. J. W. G. Past, pastor of the First Methodist church of Omaha, was one of the best that any of the classes have had in recent years and the speaker had as his subject, "The Ideal of the Republic" and in this the speaker gave the purpose of the war and related the league of nations and all facts that might have advanced the cause of universal peace, until today the world was threatened by another deluge of war and in our own country there was a lack of peace and harmony.

To illustrate the living for an ideal, Rev. Past took the examples of Robert Fulton, inventor of the steamboat and Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin, as two men devoted to an ideal that had been regarded lightly by the men of their day, but which had assisted in making the nation great in solving the problem of transportation and in making the cotton growing in the south practical and a success.

He also cited the speeches and teachings of Abraham Lincoln and Henry George, two great leaders of radically different periods of our country's history and quoted from them to show the high moral ideals and inspirations that had led them in their life work.

In closing the speaker urged a higher conception of religious and moral responsibility and also a participation in the affairs of the world for the cause of humanity.

The class was presented their diplomas by A. G. Cole of the board of education, who in a few brief remarks urged greater educational possibilities for the community and the sympathy and assistance of the community for the young men and women just leaving school and the need of assisting them whenever possible.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott, regent of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, presented the American history prize \$5 to the student having the highest standing in their four year's work in the school and which was won this year by John Warza, also one of the high ranking members of the class.

The exercises were closed by the vocal number of Miss Harriett Peacock, one of the talented members of the class, who sang as her offering to the program, "An Open Secret" by Woodman.

The exercises were closed by the benediction by Rev. Pfoutz and after the members of the class had been showered with the well wishes of their friends, the big event in the life of the class of 1923 was brought to a close.

The membership of the class graduating was as follows:

Harold Mullis, president; Frank Gradoville, vice president; Mary Margaret Walling, secretary-treasurer; Gladys Elliott, John Warza, Joe Weber, Roy Olson, Lawrence Baldwin, Rose Eagan, Clara Wickman, Elizabeth Nolting, Florence Cecil, Laura Leacock, Dorace Winscott, Ora Allen, Harriett Peacock, Efa Patterson, Virginia Beeson, Helen Toman, Clara Johnson, Mamie Persinger, Louis Swoboda, Marie Hunter, Edith Gopen, Charles Engenberger, Edith Farley, Bernese Ault, Helen Wiles, Marguerite Wiles, Helen Farley, Lerna Wolf, Ursula Herold, Mabel Lee, Virginia Beeson, Judith Johnson, Elmer Johnson, Leonard Born, Glen Henry, Ethelyn Wiles and Mattie Hudgins.

HELPS SICK FRIEND

A few weeks ago Frank Wood, who resides on the old Wolpert place east of Manley, was kicked by a horse and his left leg quite badly injured and of course that time he has been suffering more or less with the limb, but it was thought he was doing nicely until the last week, when he has been suffering very much with the leg and it has been necessary to tap the leg and put in drainage tubes. This of course has caused a great deal of suffering and to help the afflicted gentleman the neighbors and friends have been doing their utmost and through their kindnesses a part of the burden of his affliction has been lifted.

One of the means of helping make the time pass a little more pleasantly was devised by Floyd Ruby, one of the young radio fans of that locality, who has prepared a small receiving set and installed it at the bedside of Mr. Wood so that Frank can enjoy the programs from Omaha and Lincoln very easily and each night he has a whole evening of delight right at his side. This certainly shows that the residents of the Fairview neighborhood have the interests of their fellow men in their hearts.

Mrs. H. T. Batton, Mr. and Mrs. John Wehrth and their son, departed Friday morning via the auto route for Alliance, Nebraska, where they will spend a short time visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grassman and family.

COMMUNITY PICNIC TO BE HELD ON FOURTH OF JULY

Movement Started to Make Nation's Birthday One of Great Enjoyment to All Citizens.

There has been some agitation and demand on the part of the enterprising residents of the city for an observance of the Fourth of July and in order that the day may not be neglected or forgotten it has been decided by a number of the live wire merchants of the community to hold a big community picnic in which everyone is asked to join.

The plans for the day have not entirely been completed but it is probable that the picnic will be held at the grounds north of the Platte river where there is an ideal spot for a gathering of this kind, plenty of good shade trees, an open place for playing games of all kinds and within easy distance of a good bathing pool for those who desire to acquire an intimate touch with the water.

This should prove a very safe and sane observance of the day and in a place where there will be ample opportunity for those who are cooped up all day to enjoy a real outing in the open spaces and enjoy a real Nebraska holiday with their friends. It is expected that it will be possible to work up a pleasing program of sports and amusements for the day.

HESSIAN FLY IN WHEAT

There has been a great deal of complaint of the ravages of the Hessian fly in wheat in Cass county, although this does not seem a general condition but rather scattering as in one case there will be a field so badly ravaged that it will be advisable to plow it up and plant to corn, while in the next field perhaps there will be none of the flies found and the wheat in good shape. This condition is thought to be due to the methods of planting and preparing the ground for the crop.

In order to get an expert opinion of the case, Prof. Myron Swenk of this college of agriculture of the University of Nebraska, has been here taking observations and specimens from the various fields. Prof. Swenk has been for the past nineteen years in the state university and is one of the ablest educators in his line in the west.

The state university has a number of bulletins on the care of the soil and the combating of the Hessian fly which can be secured by the farmers or those interested by writing the state college at Lincoln.

MARRIAGE AT COURT HOUSE

From Friday's Daily.

This morning bright and early, two young people giving the names of Frank H. Heavren and Miss Anna Euhman both of Omaha, were called at the office of County Judge Allen J. Beeson to secure the necessary permission to become husband and wife and were accommodated and the judge aided the good work by performing the ceremony that was to unite them for life.

This was the second license to be issued from the office in May and the month seems to be the lightest that the office has had for a great many years.

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