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## LADIES MAKE A BIG SUCCESS OF MINSTREL SHOW

Home Talent Entertainment of the Daughters of American Revolution Scores a Real Hit.

From Thursday's Daily. Last evening was given the first performance of the ladies minstrel musical comedy, presented under the auspices of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the general verdict of the large crowd in attendance was that it was a very pleasing success in every way and developed a number of new entertainers among the local people whom it is desired to see more frequently in the future in the pleasant home talent entertainments.

It should be understood that the work of the D. A. R. and the ladies comprising the cast is given for the good of the community as the proceeds of the entertainment received by the D. A. R. will be devoted to the public library.

In the opening the principals and chorus were grouped on the stage in a very pleasing style and this section of the show was devoted to the entertaining coon songs and dances as well as jokes filled with pep and pleasure to the audience. As the interludes, Miss Jessie Robertson was a great success and was ably assisted by the ladies, Mrs. G. E. DeWolf, Mrs. Charles Dowe, Mrs. Hill Martin and Mrs. Will Heinrich. These ladies produced some very clever jokes and as usual prominent residents of the city were made the target of the good humored thrusts of the first part were received with the greatest of applause by the audience.

In the second part the younger ladies occupied the stage with a series of specialties and musical numbers that were very entertaining and in the several of the specialties, the costumes were beautiful and charming to the eye. On the whole, the second part was one of the cleverest in the entertainment line that has been seen in the city in a long time.

Miss Mabel Lee Copenhagen was the soloist in the number, "Old Fashioned Girls" and the very handsome costumes and the charming gowns of grandma's day and proved a decided feature. The "Farmerettes" were one of the numbers that drew great applause and the boys of ten attractive girls with Miss Helen Westcott as the soloist, proved a real hit.

The quartet composed of Mrs. Will Heinrich, Mrs. Jack Sedwick, Mrs. O. Sandin and Mrs. Collins were also exceptionally clever with their songs and kept everyone in the best of humor. In the scene, "The Living Fountain," a number of the young girls were seen with greatest advantage and the solo part of the act was given by Miss Harriett Peacock and this was added to by the very colorful lights playing on the young women.

Mrs. Oscar Sandin was very clever and her clearness and ability in a colored stump speech and which was of a nature that kept everyone laughing from the start until the close of the act.

Another of the pleasing costume acts was that of the "Yama Yama Girls" and the soloist, Miss Dorothy Cowles and which received a generous hand from the large audience. Perhaps one of the most attractive scenes was that of the "Beauty Chorus" in which the ladies participating appeared in very handsome gowns and with appropriate settings and with Miss Helen Westcott, one of the most pleasing of the young vocalists of the city carrying the solo part of the act.

The final number on the program was the tango and was a "colored" ladies of the cast and in this they showed their cleverness and ability as entertainers.

## GIVE CLOSING PERFORMANCE

From Friday's Daily. Last evening the closing performance of the ladies minstrel musical comedy was given at the Parme theatre before a large and enthusiastic audience and the ladies comprising the cast repeated the success of the night previous in the closing program of the minstrel was received with generous applause by the audience.

The "Farmerettes," the "Yama Yama Girls" and the "Beauty Chorus" all received the warm approval of the audience, and the closing feature of the performance, the tango cakewalk, was one that fairly carried away the audience.

The ladies of the D. A. R. through their efforts and the assistance of the ladies comprising the cast were able to realize the sum of \$98, which has been turned over to the library board.

## MOST POPULAR LADY

At the "New Way" dance Tuesday evening a vote was had on the most popular lady at the dance and as a result of the ballots cast Miss Roberta Campbell was chosen, with a number of the other ladies receiving large votes from their friends among the dancers.

## RECEIVES PROMOTION

From Thursday's Daily. Evi Spier, who has been with the Burlington at Alliance in the store department, has just received a very pleasing promotion in his line of work and has been transferred to Clyde, Illinois, where he will continue in the store department work. Evi Spier will leave Alliance so as to reach Clyde in time to be on the job next Monday and will be joined later by Mrs. Spier who is now here visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Streight.

## JURY PANEL IS DISMISSED FOR BALANCE OF TERM

Last Two Cases Tried are Without Jury and Judge Begley Dismisses the Jurors.

From Thursday's Daily. The session of the District court yesterday was short and snappy and two cases were disposed of by Judge Begley very rapidly after the machinery of justice was started rolling. In the cases of Fred E. Bodie, receiver, vs. Will S. Jeann, the parties agreed to waive the trial by jury and the two causes of action were heard by Judge Begley. In the first cause of action a judgment of \$8,500 with interest was given by the plaintiff and in the second cause of action a judgment for \$7,848.78 was given, together with interest.

A stipulation was filed in which the defendant agreed to deed to the plaintiff all title and right to the land formerly owned by the defendant and also to convey to the plaintiff all rents as yet unpaid on the land in question. In return the plaintiff accepted the settlement in full of all claims against the defendant and also agreed not to disturb the right of the present tenant, Nelson Jean, to the farm until the expiration of the lease.

In the case of John F. Gorder, receiver vs. W. H. Rainey et al, the jury was impaneled and the trial of the case started with the submitting of the testimony of the plaintiff in the case, but the action was short lived as at the close of the plaintiff's testimony the attorney for the defendant, A. L. Tidd moved to dismiss the case for lack of evidence and the court sustained the motion, dismissing the jury in the case and dismissing the cause of action at the cost of the plaintiff.

## FORMER RESIDENT OF THIS CITY ANSWERS LAST CALL

William J. Ruffner of Omaha Dies Last Night Quite Suddenly—Brother Lives Here

From Thursday's Daily. This morning P. E. Ruffner received the sad news of the death last night in Omaha of his only brother, William J. Ruffner, and who was in his younger days a resident of Plattsmouth.

The death of Mr. Ruffner occurred during the night and was quite sudden and unexpected as he had not been complaining of poor health up to this time. The deceased leaves the widow and three children, two sons and one daughter, Bert Ruffner, of Omaha; Frank of New York City, and Mrs. Mary Owens, of Omaha. There are also the brother, P. E. Ruffner, of Plattsmouth, and two sisters, Mesdames Mattie Tutt of Yakima, Washington, and Emma Emerson, of Helena, Montana, to mourn his death.

William J. Ruffner was seventy-three years of age and a native of the state of Virginia, but came to Cass county when a youth and has spent the greater part of his lifetime in the state of Nebraska. He made his home here for a great many years and later removed to Crete where he remained for a time and for the last thirty-five years he has resided in Omaha, where he was engaged as a traveling salesman.

## RETURNS FROM COLLEGE

From Thursday's Daily. This morning, Miss Alice Pollock arrived home from Rockford, Illinois, where she has been attending college the past year and will enjoy the vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Pollock and enjoy a well earned rest from the busy school year. Miss Pollock has just completed her second year at Rockford and has been very successful in her work.

## WILL ENJOY AN OUTING

From Thursday's Daily. The Rt. Rev. Ernest V. Shaylor, bishop of Nebraska of the Episcopal church, was here today for a few hours and was a luncheon guest at the St. Luke's rectory with Father Leete and family. The bishop is motoring to Excelsior Springs, Missouri, where he will spend a ten days' outing and will be joined later by Mrs. Shaylor.

## ELMWOOD IS PAID VISIT BY BURGLARS

SECURE BETWEEN \$400 AND \$500 IN MERCHANDISE AT I. J. FULLER STORE.

From Thursday's Daily. Some time last night the village of Elmwood had a visit from burglars that proved a very costly one for the I. J. Fuller store in that place which is mourning the loss of between \$400 and \$500 in merchandise which was taken and made away with by the robbers.

The discovery of the robbery was made this morning when the store was opened for the day's business and the sadly depleted stock revealed to the startled eyes of the store force as they entered. Entrance to the store was made by the robbers by the prying open of the front door of the store and the night callers must have worked very fast in making their selections from the stock and getting away with it.

The owners of the store stated this morning that the exact amount of goods taken could not be determined until a careful check had been made but that it would come to over \$400 at the least. Jewelry, wearing apparel, hosiery, shoes and practically a selection of all articles carried in stock had been taken was the general supposition.

The castle garage was also entered and there the robbers secured a small sum in change that had been left in the building over night and which it is thought would amount to something like \$12.

That the robbery occurred some time after 11 o'clock is the theory of the Elmwood people as the night watchman of the town goes off duty about this time and has been making his rounds just before going to his home and at that time there was no sign of the robbers or any suspicious strangers in the vicinity.

This is the first time in a number of months that any of the small towns of the county has been visited by burglars although in the winter there were a large number and in each case the culprits were able to make a getaway from the scene of the crime.

The news of the robbery was telephoned here late this morning and County Attorney Cole at once arranged for Hans Nielson, Bertillon expert of Omaha, to visit the scene of the crime and if possible locate some clues that would serve in landing the robbers.

## GO TO ELMWOOD

From Friday's Daily. This morning, Sheriff C. D. Quinton accompanied by Hans Nielson, motored out to Elmwood where they will investigate the scene of the robbery of the Fuller store and Mr. Nielson will take photographs of the finger prints found around the store which may possibly serve to furnish a clue to the parties who committed the burglary. Reports from Elmwood state that it is thought that a woman was in the party that visited the Fuller store as there were several pairs of silk hose found that had evidently been tried on as well as women's shoes that had been handled by the robbers.

This is the first time that Elmwood has suffered from robbers in a great many years although all of the towns nearby have been visited with more or less frequency in the last few years.

## ANNOUNCE PRIZE WINNERS

The W. C. T. U. which each year conducts the S. P. I. essays contests among the pupils of the city schools have announced the winners of the past season and who can now receive their awards by calling on Miss Elizabeth Spangler and receiving their prizes.

In the seventh and eighth grade contests on the subject of cigarettes, the first prize, \$3, was won by Lucy Reynolds and the second prize of \$2 by Marie Sperry. In the seventh and eighth grade essays on strong drink, George Olson won the first prize of \$3 and Dora Senechessen the second of \$2.

## DENVER & RIO GRANDE WILL BE REORGANIZED

New York, June 14.—A definite plan for the reorganization of the Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad company was agreed upon today and will be formally announced next week.

The plan is to be promulgated by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the Equitable Trust company, and will have the approval of the three protective committees headed by James H. Perkins, Richard Sutro and John H. Hammond.

While none of the details of the plan could be learned, it was stated informally that equity in the reorganized company will be owned equally by the Missouri Pacific and the Western Pacific railway companies.

## THE LURE OF THE GAS LIGHTS

From Thursday's Daily. Last evening one of the old time medicine shows was given at the intersection of Fifth and Main street which drew a very large crowd to watch by the flickering light of the gasoline lamps the performance of the two colorful mediums and also the efforts of the chief of the show, who extolled the virtues of the Brazilian herbs which was the chief feature of the evening. The crowd was kept standing very patiently and the interest of the assembly was manifest throughout the evening.

## SPANISH WAR VETERANS VISIT FORMER OFFICER

Comrades of C. A. Rawls Come Down from Omaha to Enjoy Talk of War Days of 1898-99.

From Thursday's Daily. Last evening C. A. Rawls had a very pleasant and unexpected visit from two of his former associates in the army during the Spanish-American war. Mr. Rawls was first lieutenant of Co. B, 3rd Nebraska infantry, which was recruited in Cass county and of which George L. Sheldon, late governor of Nebraska, was the captain, and among the members of the company were Joseph Peden, of Lincoln, and William J. Schwartz, of Grand Island, and these two gentlemen being in Omaha attending the meeting of the Spanish War Veterans, took advantage of the occasion to run down and meet Mr. Rawls.

It is unnecessary to say the meeting was very pleasant to the former comrades and they spent the night until the wee sma' hours in renewing the stories of the days in Jacksonville, Florida and later in Cuba, where the Third Nebraska was a part of the army of occupation for several months.

Mr. Peden was residing in Cass county at the time of the outbreak of the Spanish war and when the call to organize the Third Nebraska came he enlisted and accompanied the regiment to Fort Omaha, Nebraska, where he was with the 1st and 2nd regiments of the 3rd Nebraska division, and he has thoroughly done his bit for the country it would seem.

## LIGHTNING STRIKES AT MASONIC HOME

Chimney Leading to Kitchen is Hit But Does Little Damage; Scare to Residents of Home.

From Thursday's Daily. This morning during the rain storm lightning struck the chimney leading to the kitchen at the Nebraska Masonic Home and for a few moments caused a great deal of excitement there among the residents of the home and especially the members of the force who were engaged in getting the noonday meal at the time.

The bolt struck the edge of the chimney and struck down the interior of the chimney into the kitchen and in its wake came a deluge of soot from the chimney that scattered over the cooking dinner and compelled a second meal being prepared. Mrs. Mike Opperman and Miss Olive Fulton, who were standing near the stove at the time, received a rather severe shock but were fortunately not injured in any way. The damage to the building will be slight.

The lightning striking caused more or less excitement among the old folks residing at the Home and it was some time before they could recover from the unusual and unpleasant visitation of the lightning bolt.

## ENJOY VISIT HERE

From Thursday's Daily. Mrs. Casper Thygeson and two daughters of Nebraska City were here over night visiting at the home of Mrs. Thygeson's father and sister, A. W. White and Mrs. J. A. Donelan and departed today for Cedar Rapids, Nebraska, where they will visit at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Frank D. Burgess. Mr. Thygeson and son have gone to Seattle where they will spend a short time visiting.

## ENJOYING VISIT HERE

From Friday's Daily. Francis and John Neitzel of Murphy, Idaho, are visiting with their grandmother, Mrs. F. E. Gutmann in this city having driven to this city from South Bend, Indiana, where Francis has just completed his course in mechanical engineering at the Notre Dame university and was given his diploma at the completion of his work there.

## Lost anything? Advertise it.

## DEATH OF RICE ARNOLD, RESIDENT AT MASONIC HOME

Former Sheriff of Washington County and Resident of Home for Past Twelve Years.

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon at 3:15 at the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city occurred the death of Rice Arnold, an old resident of the state and for a number of years sheriff of Washington county.

Mr. Rice was born in Coldwater, Michigan, June 27, 1837, and was nearing his eighty-sixth birthday when death called him from the scene of his earthly activities. He came to Nebraska at an early day and settled in the northeastern part of the state in the vicinity of Blair and was accepted in Masonry in Solomon lodge No. 10 at Fort Calhoun.

In later years when his health failed he was admitted to the Masonic Home here, arriving on March 13, 1911, and has since made his home here and was held in the highest esteem by the associates at the home. He is survived by two daughters and a son, Mrs. T. F. Sturges of Omaha, Mrs. Esterford of Bolix, Mississippi, and Bige Arnold of Moline, Illinois. The wife passed away on February 14, 1923, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Sturges in Omaha.

## ANOTHER POPULAR COUPLE SURPRISE FRIENDS

Miss Gretchen Schlatter and Paul Heil Married in Omaha—Announcement Fact Later.

June weddings have been very numerous this spring and every week we are happy to announce the marriages of our young folks and this week we are pleased to chronicle the uniting in marriage of Miss Gretchen Schlatter and Paul Heil, two of our popular young people who joined our ranks by the wedding party marked out after the ceremony. The ceremony was performed at the Lutheran church of which Rev. E. Otto is pastor, that gentleman officiating in his impressive and solemn manner.

The bridal couple was attended by Mrs. G. P. Brown, sister of the groom, as matron of honor and Mr. Brown as best man. The wedding march was beautifully played on the pipe organ by Mrs. K. Schroeder, who is an expert on this instrument. She ranked as the wedding party marched out after the ceremony. A reception was then held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown where the bride and groom were showered with many congratulations and best wishes. The bride was attired in a blue suit with hat and gloves to match. They returned to Louisville the following day and were given a rousing charivari at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schlatter.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Schlatter and is a very attractive and clever young lady. She is a graduate of the Louisville high school of the class of 1923 and was a splendid student and would have been very successful had she decided to go on with her studies or teach, but the groom found it easy no doubt to persuade her that he needed a housekeeper on the farm and that she would find ample opportunity for her endeavors in a school of one.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Heil of Louisville and both of these young people represent some of the pioneer stock of the county and with the splendid examples before them of their sturdy ancestry, they are sure to meet with success in their future endeavors. The groom is engaged in farming and resides on one of his father's farms which was formerly the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Ward, now of the vicinity of Oconto.—Louisville Courier.

## BOXING EXHIBITION A SUCCESS

From Friday's Daily. The boxing exhibition was a real success last night before the old fashioned dance at the "New Way" party club. These bouts were arranged for the amusement of the ladies of this community who enjoy fistcuffs. The feature of the evening proved to be the bout between Little William and Jerome Cristy, the former 7 years old, the latter 5 years. This bout wasn't announced because the boys arranged their match during the evening and were put on. After they finished the audience awarded the boys with nickles, dimes and quarters which were thrown on the mat while the boys scrambled around gathering them up. All of the other bouts were fine and greatly enjoyed by everyone. A like exhibition will be given next Thursday.

## MAKE LONG TRIP

From Friday's Daily. William Thomas and wife, who make their home on a ranch near Albuquerque, New Mexico, were here today enjoying a visit at the home of Mrs. Thomas' uncle, Lester Burrows and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are expected to leave tonight or tomorrow for Nebraska City where they will visit over Sunday and from there go to their home. They have been visiting in Omaha with relatives and made the trip from New Mexico to Nebraska in their car, being four days on the road and had a very enjoyable time altho on their return they may be delayed by the heavy rains that have been visiting Kansas, Oklahoma and western Texas.

## GETTING READY FOR FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC

Committee to Raise Funds for the Big Old Fashioned Gathering Meeting Ready Response

The committee of the merchants of the city who are co-operating with the heads of many other organizations in arranging for the big community picnic on July 4th, were out yesterday to solicit funds from among the various business houses and met with a very generous response that will insure a treat for the residents of the city and the surrounding country side who desire to spend the day in a real old fashioned picnic and get together meeting.

The picnic will be entirely a community affair and all organizations of business men, churches, lodges and shop-men and women will be asked to join in the arranging of the festivities and to come and have one big time at the picnic grounds on the C. L. Wiles farm west of the city on the glorious Fourth of July. Not alone are the residents of the city asked to take part but the residents of the county who desire to enjoy one of the good old fashioned gatherings are invited to come in and spend the day at the picnic.

The business men are going to provide watermelon, ice cream and lemonade for the crowd at the picnic grounds according to the present plans of the promoters. Those who have made no plans for the observance of the day would do well to prepare to spend the natal day of the nation here in Plattsmouth.

## LONGS FOR GOOD WEATHER

One of the parties who has been devotedly longing for a few days of good weather and sun shine is Jesse Elliott, the street commissioner, who has a large program of work mapped out for himself and the street department but which has been all jugged up by the rains of the past three weeks. The rains have done more or less washing in the dirt roads and with the other work that has been necessary will keep the street workers bus as they see when the weather settles so that they can get busy.

## Business forms of all kinds printed at the Journal office.

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## The Sword of Damocles!

Damocles, according to legend, was invited to a banquet given by the Emperor Dionysus. After he was seated he glanced upward and saw, directly above his head, a sword suspended by a single hair.

The man who is continually in debt is in a position similar to that of Damocles. His future is in the hands of fate.

This will be a more comfortable year in Cass county, if we hold down borrowing to the lowest possible point. Let's avoid all debts that are not absolutely necessary.

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