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VETERANS AT ANNUAL FEAST ON LABOR DAY

MEET AT HAVELOCK AND LINCOLN AND DISCUSS OLD DAY ON SYSTEM.

LARGE DELEGATION FROM HERE

Representatives are Men of Many Years of Service For the Burlington Railroad Co.

From Tuesday's Daily. The veterans of the Burlington, men who have grown gray in the service of the railroad company in the shop and train service, were assembled together yesterday and last evening at Havelock and Lincoln to spend the time in a general get-together meeting and the spirit of helpfulness to all of the members of the association.

Those attending the meeting from this city were William Baird, superintendent of the shops; George A. Dodge, John Lutz, L. E. Vroman and Frank F. Buttery.

The banquet at the Lincoln chamber of commerce Monday evening was the crowning feature of the very pleasant gathering and at the session the following program was given:

President's message—M. Schirk. Response—J. Dietrich. Forty Years with the Burlington—J. H. Waterman. Vocal solo—Mrs. E. S. Luce; accompanist, Prof. E. S. Luce. Service and Satisfaction—A. L. Bixby. Piano solo—Mrs. W. F. Ackerman. Address—E. P. Bracken. Closing song—"Till We Meet Again."

President Schirk told of the purposes of the organization and what it may accomplish. J. H. Waterman talked of co-operation, team work and what it may accomplish and urged all to work for the interests of the road. His verbal duel with Toastmaster Ackerman, an enlightening proceeding, prepared the audience for the more serious things to follow.

J. H. Waterman, long a resident of Plattsmouth and Lincoln and a pioneer of the Burlington, preferred not to speak on forty years with the road. He changed his subject to "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." He told of early railroad building and the accomplishments of the men who managed the road in the early days. He spoke of the present, compared it to the past and marked progress. Then to the veterans he spoke of the future and what the Burlington has done to make easier the later life of its veterans by the institution of the pension.

Mrs. Luce was recalled for an encore and roundly applauded for her effort. Dr. Bixby said he had the satisfaction of having given service. He entertained the veterans for thirty minutes, telling anecdotes, reading poems and speaking of the years he has labored in the state and his appreciation of the railroads and railroad men.

Mrs. W. F. Ackerman, after pleasing with a piano solo responded to an encore. Vice President Bracken was introduced after Toastmaster Ackerman had read a number of telegrams from members and officials of the road who could not be present. Mr. Bracken said the dictionary gave the definition of the word veteran as one long exercised. When he found that definition he knew it referred to the railroad veteran. The railroads, he said, had felt the changes of time. He spoke of automobile competition and the burden of the higher cost of labor, material and taxes. As a whole the roads are not prospering. Investors realize this. Railroad stocks are very low at the present time.

Mr. Bracken held that closer cooperation and more of it with the public is needed today. It is time for a call to arms of railroad men that the public may know the truth. The public should know of real conditions and not the conscientious effort railroad men are today making to work out economies and efficiency. He thought when the public is really informed that the railroads can leave the after action to the people. He spoke of the discontent that must be cured and the preaching of a fallacious doctrine of general equality. "Men are not equal in qualities and every attempt to make them equal has been destructive."

"There is a discontent that is called divine; a discontent that energizes effort and directs it forward. The discontent which is so prevalent today even in America has nothing divine about it. It is blinding Americans to the goods things we possess, discouraging activity and endangering, not assisting, progress."

Mr. Bracken counseled veterans about the value of content and joy

in the achievements of service. He hoped to see more veterans at the reunions of the future.

In his address, President Schirk of the association, said the association now has 1,400 members and that it should have several times that number. The association is planning the completion of an honor roll in the near future.

At the Havelock session it was decided to increase the number of trustees to one from each division of the road. Other officers had been re-elected and the trustees will be balloted upon by divisions.

GIVE SHOWER FOR THE BRIDE TO BE

Mrs. Fred Engelkemeier and Mrs. Philip Heil Entertain for Miss Alvena Engelkemeier.

From Wednesday's Daily. A most charming miscellaneous shower was given at the home of Mrs. Fred Engelkemeier, with Mrs. Philip Heil as assistant hostess and in honor of Miss Alvena Engelkemeier, whose marriage to Mr. Edward G. Meisinger occurs today.

The attractive home was arranged with decorations of the late summer flowers that added a pleasing touch to the scene and here the ladies also enjoyed a guessing contest in which Mrs. George A. Meisinger proved the most successful and Mrs. J. C. Meisinger was awarded the consolation prize.

In honor of the occasion the bride received a large number of very attractive gifts and at a suitable hour a dainty and delicious luncheon was served by the hostesses that added to the enjoyment of the happy event.

Those attending the pleasant occasion were: Mesdames Mary Schaffer, Otto Schaffer, Philip Hill, Jesse Terryberry, Julius Hilfiker, Ed Gansemer, Herman Gansemer, A. J. Engelkemeier, Carl Engelkemeier, George Engelkemeier, A. H. Engelkemeier, Jacob Hill, Louis Puls, Alfred Ham Puls, Sr., W. H. Puls, Alfred Gansemer, Fred Lutz, Sterling Amick, J. C. Meisinger, George A. Meisinger, H. O. Rhode, Nick Friedrich, Herman Wohlfarth, Forest Rainey, Louis Meisinger, Fred Hann, Louis Friedrich, Misses Helen Hill, Lena Meisinger, Laura Engelkemeier, Ina Engelkemeier, Fern Gansemer, Leona Puls, Margaret Engelkemeier, Esther Puls, Clara Engelkemeier, Helen Engelkemeier, Alvena Engelkemeier.

RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Wednesday's Daily. This morning, Mrs. H. W. Smith received a message from Hastings announcing the death in an auto accident of her cousin, Alexander Reiber of that city. The accident occurred last night while Mr. Reiber and a young man friend were returning home in a large Studebaker car and which was overturned, resulting in Mr. Reiber being thrown out and having his neck broke while his companion was pinned beneath the car and suffered internal injuries from which he is not expected to recover. The deceased young man was second lieutenant in Company H of the 13th infantry, Nebraska National guard, and was also an overseas veteran of the World war serving there for almost two years and was married in Germany. He leaves a wife and one small child to mourn his death. The funeral services will be held on Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. Smith are expecting to drive to Hastings to attend the funeral services.

MARRIED IN COUNCIL BLUFFS

From Wednesday's Daily. This morning at Council Bluffs, Ia., occurred the marriage of Miss Lillian Kopschka and Mr. Leon Marshall of this city, who were very quietly joined in the bonds of wedlock with only a few of the members of the family attending the ceremony. Mrs. Carl Kopschka, mother of the bride, and Mrs. Henrietta Heil, a sister, attended the ceremony. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kopschka and had grown to womanhood here in Plattsmouth where she has a large circle of warm friends while the groom has been in the employ of the Burlington in the shops here for the past year.

The many friends will join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Marshall a long and very happy wedded life in the years to come.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Wednesday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon, Abram Rupley, who has been at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha for several weeks recovering from an operation for rupture, was brought home to spend the rest of his recuperating period here with the more pleasant surroundings to aid in his recovery. Mr. Rupley is still suffering somewhat from the effects of the operation but it is thought will have a very short time yet until he is entirely over the effects of the operation. R. A. Bates and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Grassman and little daughter motored to Omaha yesterday and brought back Mr. Rupley.

WAGNER CAFE IS LOOTED BY FIRE EARLY MONDAY

Interior of Main Street Restaurant is Almost Entirely Gutted Early Monday Morning.

From Tuesday's Daily. For the first time in many months the business section was visited by a very serious fire at an early hour and which resulted in the almost complete destruction of the interior of the city cafe in the Soennichsen building on upper Main street.

The fire was discovered at 2:45 Monday morning by Officers Detlef and Hinrichsen and at that time the interior of the room in which the cafe is located was filled with dense smoke and through which the officers could glimpse the flames from the rapidly mounting fire. A call was sent for Fred Wagner, the owner of the restaurant at the Hotel Wagner, and in a few moments Mr. Wagner arrived with the keys and the doors of the cafe were opened up and by this time the fire department was also on the scene and the water playing on the flames.

The fire had apparently originated near the partition separating the kitchen from the dining room of the cafe and a large part of the partition being composed of beaver board was an easy prey for the flames and in a few moments this partition was totally destroyed and the blaze consumed a part of the wood work near the kitchen range as well as tables and other wood fixtures within a radius of several feet of the partition.

The front part of the cafe did not suffer so much from the effect of the fire as that of the water and the debris from the kitchen washed in to the front of the building. The kitchen was practically gutted as the fire and debris together practically rendered everything there useless. The exact origin of the fire has not been determined. The night man at the restaurant stated that he had left the building shortly after 2 o'clock after having banked the fire and closed all of the doors on the range for the day for when they should arrive at 5 o'clock. The police were unable to tell for the smoke whether the fire came from the overheating of the range or the wiring on the coffee urn which stood near the partition but the general indications were that the fire had probably been caused by the stove.

After a half hour of strenuous work the flames were checked and the blaze prevented from spreading into the remainder of the building which was occupied by the H. M. Soennichsen firm with the stock of goods which they had just recently purchased from Frank Fanger.

William Galloway, a young man, was sleeping in the second story of the building, over Soennichsen store and who with a young boy companion were aroused and sought safety out on the street rather than in the smoke filled building.

Mr. Wagner had no insurance on the fixtures of the cafe. It was stated at the fire that the owners of the building carry partial insurance.

BRINGS AGED MOTHER HERE

From Tuesday's Daily. Mrs. John V. Hatt returned Monday morning from Sterling, Colorado, where she has been at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. William Newman, who has been in very critical condition for the past few weeks. Mrs. Newman was showing somewhat of an improvement. Mrs. Hatt brought her back home with her to be cared for. Mrs. Newman was so poorly that it was necessary to have her brought on a cot and transported in that manner to the Hatt home here as she is still very critically ill and suffering.

WILL VISIT MISSOURI

From Tuesday's Daily. This morning, James M. Robertson and wife and Dr. R. P. Westover and wife and daughter, Janet, departed by auto for a week's outing in Missouri. They will spend a few days at St. Joseph, Missouri, with Mrs. McCaom, a sister of Dr. Westover, and then go to Marshfield, where they will visit at the home of Mrs. Lilly Douglas, a sister of Mr. Robertson. They are anticipating a fine outing and a most delightful time in the hospitality of the "show me" state.

CLASS HAS FINE MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily. Last evening the Young Men's Bible Class of the Methodist church held a very pleasant meeting at the club rooms in the church building and the only feature of regret to the young men was the fact that their teacher, E. H. Wescott, was prevented by illness from attending. The time was spent in the usual weekly "sing" with Mason Wescott at the piano and Mrs. E. H. Wescott leading the singing. The class also enjoyed an interesting talk given by Putham that was very clever and given in a most interesting manner by the lecturer.

CONCERTS ARE OVER

From Wednesday's Daily. Ed H. Schulhof, director of the Eagles band, was notified Saturday evening that the city would close the band concerts for the season and the one given last Wednesday would be the last of the present season as the evenings are growing decidedly fall like and it was thought best to close for the year and the remainder of the entertainment fund will be used in other lines of amusement and entertainment by the city. The next season it is hoped to have the concerts started out earlier in the summer.

COMMISSIONERS WOULD PROVIDE A BETTER HIGHWAY

At Session Today Vote To Change Course of Highway North of Through Stull Farm.

From Tuesday's Daily. The board of county commissioners this morning opened their regular monthly session at the court house and were largely occupied with the transaction of the routine business of the county, that of allowing claims and other of road and dragging work. The chief business transacted was the voting unanimously by the board to widen and change the highway north of Plattsmouth and between this city and the Platte river, in that section of the road that runs thru the farm of C. Lawrence Stull on the Platte river bottom land. This project has been under consideration for some time and the commissioners will now proceed by due process of law to condemn and assess for damages as much land as may be necessary in the re-construction of the roadway.

The change in the road will place it some distance where it now stands and will cut the frequent overflows from the small creek adjoining the road and which has made traveling very annoying in the spring and early summer. It will also aid in straightening the road and cut out dangerous curves and sharp corners to have wide and ample corners into the east and west road that will make it much safer for travel. As the county board and Mr. Stull were unable to agree on a price for the land needed, some of the land on a board of appraisers will be appointed by the county court to assess the damages that may be caused by the change in the road.

CUT OUT JAY WALKING

From Wednesday's Daily. A practice of a great many of the people of cutting across the main streets of the city with after disregard for the traffic regulations has in the past resulted in several close calls to pedestrians, who have shown no regard for their own safety and recklessly dash across the street in the center of a block instead of going to the intersection to make the crossing in the proper manner. There have been a number of people knocked down in the past year through this practice of walking across Main street any place they desired instead of going up to the street intersections to get across as they should and that these accidents have not been fatal was merely good fortune. The auto driver is not wholly responsible for the exercise of caution as those who cross the street on foot should as well show some degree of caution instead of recklessly dashing across and defying death or serious injury. In many cases where there are large numbers of cars parked on the street, someone walks out from behind a car directly in the path of a passing auto and if the driver of the car does not have the good fortune of having the car so that it will stop almost instantly they hit the person and the whole matter should have been avoided by a little caution.

With the growing auto traffic there is need for the city to make a regulation of the traffic of both autos and pedestrians so that there will be a larger measure of safety. The regulation call for the slowing of cars over the intersections and those who would cross from one side of the street to the other should use these intersections and all would be much safer.

CELEBRATE MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY LAST SUNDAY

The members of August Bach family joined in a very pleasant family party Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bach on lower Main street and which was in the nature of the observance of the seventy-sixth birthday of Mrs. August Bach, Sr. The main event of the day was the family dinner at the home and at which there were six generations of the family present to enjoy the occasion. Mrs. P. A. Welch of Omaha, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bach with her family, Mr. and Mrs. August Welch, P. L. Oberhauser and wife and Ray Welch and little son were here from Omaha, motoring down for the day. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bach of this city, the host and hostess of the occasion with the guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. August Bach, comprised the party.

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE JOINED IN WEDLOCK TODAY

Miss Josephine Vanek and Mr. Chas. Warga United in Marriage at Holy Rosary Church.

From Tuesday's Daily. This morning at the Holy Rosary church on west Pearl street, occurred the marriage of two of the popular young people of this locality, Miss Josephine Vanek and Mr. Charles Warga. The church was filled with a large number of relatives and friends to witness the happy event.

Preceding the wedding, Mr. Cyril Janda played the wedding march to which the bridal party entered the church and as the mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Ferdinand Snesser, rector of the church, the choir assisted in the singing of the nuptial mass as the ceremony of the church joined the lives of the two young people.

The bride was gowned in a very smart creation of tan tulle cloth with a picture hat to match and carried a bouquet of bride roses. Miss Josephine Warga, sister of the groom, as bridesmaid, wore a tailored suit of blue tulle with braided effect trimmings and carried a bouquet of American Beauty roses. Mr. Warga was attended by Mr. Patrick Eagan of Omaha as best man and both of the gentlemen were dressed in the conventional dark suits.

Following the wedding the bride and groom and members of the bridal party were entertained at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vanek on Lincoln avenue, at a very charming wedding breakfast and reception to the newly weds.

Both the bride and groom have made their home in this city and vicinity for their honeymoon and are held in the highest esteem by a very large circle of friends and associates who are joining in the well wishes for many years of happiness and success for this estimable couple. Miss Vanek has lived in this city since a very early childhood and her groom is one of the young and successful farmers of this portion of Cass county, living a few miles south of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Warga departed this afternoon by auto for a honeymoon trip to the west which will include a short visit at Lincoln and Mitchell, Nebraska, and from there they go to Denver to spend a few days before returning home to this city where they will make their home on the farm of the groom.

BACK DOING BUSINESS.

From Tuesday's Daily. It takes more than a fire to discourage Fred Wagner the hotel and restaurant man, as was demonstrated yesterday when Fred, after being burned out of his restaurant in the Soennichsen building at 2:45 yesterday morning was all ready for business at the Hotel Wagner in the evening and serving meals as though nothing had occurred to mar the peacefulness of the occasion. Mr. Wagner was unfortunate in not having a cent of insurance on his fixtures or stock in the restaurant but in the face of his loss showed the real spirit in buckling in and taking up the battle with renewed vigor. The restaurant will be operating in the Hotel Wagner dining room for the present at least until Mr. Wagner can decide on a more definite location for his place of business and will then be ready to reopen the restaurant on an even larger scale.

AN OLD TIME BALL PLAYER

The old time fans here or those who have followed the great national pastime here in the past twenty years have had the pleasure of meeting one of the old time players who was a member of the first Red Sox team here which was under the pilotage of Frank Warren for several seasons. In the person of Carl Graves, Carl is now located in Sioux City where he is engaged in work with the telephone company and is now married and has with him his son and wife to visit in this locality for a short time. Carl was a great pitcher in his boyhood days and will be well remembered here by the fans. At the time he was on the team Ralph White, Charles Wilkin and Billy Fitzgerald, Claude Butler and other of the old time favorites were cavorting around the diamond.

RETURNS FROM THE EAST.

Mrs. Jessie M. Robertson, who has for the summer been taking a special course at the Columbian university in New York, returned home Saturday afternoon and this morning resumed her work as one of the efficient teachers in the local high school. Miss Robertson has had a very profitable as well as pleasant summer in the east and in addition to the course of study at the summer school was able to enjoy many trips to points of interest in the vicinity of New York and particularly places of more than usual historical note. On her return Miss Robertson stopped for a short visit with an aunt at Roanoke, Virginia, and from there came on to Nebraska.

SUFFERS LOSS OF MULE

From Tuesday's Daily. Yesterday while Herman Hough was doing some grading at his home in the north part of the city, to excavate for a cellar at the house, he was so unfortunate as to have a very valuable mule injured so that it was necessary to kill the animal. The mule was pulling a single scraper which turned over twice and the sharp edge cut the leg of the mule so badly that it was necessary to put the animal out of its suffering and thereby caused a loss of quite a great deal to the owner.

CITY SCHOOLS START OUT WELL THIS YEAR

Enrollment in High School Shows a Gain while Grades Remain Almost the Same.

The city schools opened yesterday for the year's work and with an enrollment that is slightly above the opening day for a number of years in the high school, and this despite the fact that many families have moved from the city in the last year and bringing many new children into the school system. The registration on the opening day was 258 as against 247 last year and by the end of the week there will be in the neighborhood of 265 in the school, it is thought. The high school enrollment is divided as follows: Freshmen—93. Sophomores—74. Juniors—59. Seniors—41.

Included in the high school are a large number of the pupils from the outside country districts who will attend here this year. The Columbian and Central buildings with their new paint and renovating are much more comfortable and the attendance there is as the average past years but has not been full complete.

ATTEND PROBATE COURT

From Tuesday's Daily. This morning Attorney C. S. Aldrich of Elwood was in the city accompanied by August Panska of near Murdock, Fred Backmeyer and wife of near Elmwood and Otto Miller and wife of near Murdock. The members of the party were here to attend the hearings in the probate of the estate of Christian and Augusta Gurr, deceased, and Mr. Aldrich appeared as the attorney in the cases.

RECOVERS FROM ACCIDENT

Miss Anna Egenberger, who was for some time confined to her home as the result of the bite of a mosquito on one of her feet is now able to be around as usual. Miss Egenberger had the misfortune to have the bite become infected and this caused her a great deal of pain as well as annoyance and makes walking very difficult.

ASKS FOR FORECLOSURE

An action has been filed in the district court entitled Charles P. McGrew vs. Will Jean et al. In the action the plaintiff seeks the foreclosure of a mortgage of \$17,000 on certain lands held in the name of Will Jean. The mortgage is one secured by the plaintiff from Charles C. Parmele in 1920 by purchase.

OPERATED ON YESTERDAY

From Wednesday's Daily. Mrs. J. W. Jones of Shenandoah, Iowa, was operated on yesterday at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha for a case of goitre from which she has been suffering for some time and at the last reports was doing very nicely and thought to be on the highway to improvement. Mrs. Jones was formerly Miss Della Moore, daughter of Mrs. Ada Moore of this city.

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