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American Legion Picnic is Largely Attended Sunday

Dinner and Program of Music as Well as Ball Game and Plane Serve to Entertain

The American Legion public picnic held on Sunday at Neaves park was very largely attended by the residents of this city as well as large number of Nebraska City and Omaha people who came to join in the pleasant event.

The first feature of the day was the cafeteria dinner which was served by the members of the American Legion auxiliary and which consisted of the home style fried chicken, beans, which were especially prepared for the former service men, potato salad and the buttered rolls. The serving was carried on in fine shape and the members of the party handled with speed and dispatch.

Following the dinner at noon the Bingo game served to add to the interest until the band concert by the Lewiston-Nebraska musical organization which has grown into one of the most popular of its kind in the country and as usual this clever organization acquitted themselves with the highest honors in every way.

For the lovers of the athletic sports the Manley-Plattsmouth Merchants baseball team staged a real battle on the ball grounds east of the main park that drew a very large number.

One of the points of attraction was the airplane which was operated by Pilot Wilson, former army aviator, who was kept busy taking up the large number of persons who desired to view the landscape from the skies and the pilot gave the patrons many thrills as the plane swept them around over the vicinity of the park.

In the evening the Elks band of Plattsmouth under the direction of W. R. Holly gave a fine concert at the main pavilion, offering a program of the popular standard numbers and which was much enjoyed by the large audience.

The picnic was closed by the dance and in which the orchestra arranged by C. A. Marshall furnished some real snappy music for the enjoyment of the dancers from this locality.

CUBA LAND OF UNREST

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Worley of Lincoln with their children, Leonard, Max and Robert, were here to spend the evening and en route to Omaha, where they accompanied Mrs. V. V. Leonard home. There they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Leonard of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jackson of Omaha for the reunion.

Leonard Worley, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Worley, who is now a student at Harvard university where he expects soon to receive his master's degree, has just returned from Cuba where he with several other students were engaged in some research work in the island republic. Mr. Worley stated that conditions there are upset by the revolutionary movements and while the press dispatches are censored as to the conditions there is a strong desire on the part of a part of the people to try and force the intervention of the United States in the hope of settling the affairs of the republic. Large numbers of the Americans are returning to the states owing to the unsettled condition. Only the night before the departure of Mr. Worley, the Havana branch of one of the large American retail firms was bombed and badly damaged and other moves of a like nature are made with the desire to cause the American government to make some move toward intervention.

DOES WHOLESALE BUSINESS

Judge Charles L. Graves has acquired a great popularity as a marrying judge and in the recent weeks there have been a number here to have the matrimonial knot tied by the genial judge and justice of the peace, making a pleasant diversion to the court whose usual clients are those who promise never to get in that shape again and received the customary \$10 and costs.

Sunday Judge Graves was visited by a party of four young people, all from Omaha, who announced their desire of becoming joined in the bonds of wedlock. They were Miss Fern W. Hunt and Clifford Matson and Miss Opal Epperson and Herman W. Wagner. The wedding ceremony was performed in the usual impressive manner and the young people served as witnesses for each other.

RETURNS TO DAKOTA

Miss Maybelle Taplett, who has been here for the summer at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Taplett, has returned to Tyndall, South Dakota, where she is teaching in the schools of that place. Herman Taplett, who has been in Dakota for the summer has returned home and will assist in the Sweet Shop here this fall and winter. The Taplett family have also just completed their moving from the D. C. 12000 home to the residence property of Mrs. J. A. Donelan on North Sixth street.

HOLDS OPENING SERVICES

Canon Petter, the new rector at the St. Luke's Episcopal church, had the first services of the church as soon as possible and are now entering on the church work in the community to which they have come. The residents of the city will join in a very cordial welcome to this estimable couple.

Plattsmouth Young People Wed in Sarpy

Miss Margaret Shellenbarger and Mr. Gilbert H. Hirz Wedded at M. E. Parsonage.

The wedding of the popular members of the younger social set of the city occurred on Friday afternoon, September 4th at Springfield, in Sarpy county when Miss Margaret Shellenbarger and Mr. Gilbert H. Hirz of this city were joined in the bonds of wedlock.

The wedding came as a surprise to the host of friends, the bridal couple with Miss Lucille Albert and Chester Wiles, their attendants, motoring to Papillon where the license was secured and the young people then drove to Springfield to the wedding.

The marriage lines were read by the Rev. V. R. Daniels of the First Methodist church of Springfield and following the wedding the bridal party returned home to keep the fact of the ceremony a secret until the announcement was made today by the parents.

Both of the young people are members of the class of 1913 of the Plattsmouth high school, and their marriage is the culmination of a school day romance.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Shellenbarger and is one of the popular residents of the community and a leader in the musical and social life of the community in which she has been such a charming figure. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hirz, born and reared in this community and where he has a host of warm friends. Mr. Hirz was very active in the high school athletics while a student.

DROP DOUBLE HEADER

The Plattsmouth Merchants baseball team who were victors a week ago Sunday over the South Side Merchants and Sunday over Manley, dropped both games of a double header at the Athletic park Labor day by the score of 5 to 2 and 9 to 8.

In the opening game Richard Herold was on the mound for the locals and had difficulty in getting them over as many were walked in this game but the hits were kept well scattered, but blows in critical stages gave the visitors the win. The Omaha team placed several short flies into the sunny left field that it was impossible to handle and which allowed them to place three men over the plate for a win.

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WILL ATTEND MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily—William F. Evers, superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city, departed today for Toronto, Canada, where he goes to attend the meeting of the Masonic Relief Association, comprising the United States and Canada. Mr. Evers goes as the representative of the grand lodge of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. The meeting will bring together a great body of the representatives of the order in the two countries.

Merchants Win Fast Game from Manley Sunday

Two Fast Young Teams Battle to 5 to 3 Score for Locals at the Legion Picnic.

The Manley and Plattsmouth Merchants baseball teams Sunday afternoon gave the fans attending the American Legion picnic a real treat in a hard fought game that was not decided until the last moments when the lead that the Merchants had rolled up in the eighth remained untouched, with the final score 5 to 3.

The game was repeatedly tied up by the two teams and it looked good for extra innings when the eighth frame rally of the Merchants gave them a comfortable margin for victory.

The first scoring was in the last of the fourth inning for the Merchants when Peter Herold doubled and later scored on the fly of King Poissal to left.

The visitors took two runs in the sixth for a one run lead on the local ball tossers, when Snavely, the first man up hit for two bases and was followed by Decker with a fly out to Happy Connors and C. Livingston who retired on a long drive to left for another lead for the Merchants, Tommy Snipes, the tall and husky first baseman of the visitors then with a safe blow registered Snavely and was advanced on the walk of J. Livingston and scored when Hammerdorf hit safely.

The next scoring was in the lucky seventh when the Merchants took two runs to acquire a lead for a few moments, successive two baggers by King Poissal and "Stormy" Hail laid the groundwork for scoring and on two bad errors at the third sack the runners were able to tally to make the score three to two.

In the eighth frame the visitors opened to make things look bad for the locals by tying up the score when Decker scored on his two bagger and the hit of C. Livingston.

The last of the eighth saw the demolishing of the hopes of the visitors however, when "Bud" Herold hit safely and was followed by Richard Herold who was walked and a smash by "Stormy" brought in "Bud" for another lead for the Merchants and while the visitors were attempting to catch Hall at second base, Rich scored altho Hall was out and the locals took a two score lead. The inning was closed by the fly of George Spidell to left field.

The life Manley made a strong bid for victory in the ninth when Lohnes was walked and scored on the blow of Snavely, but while a desperate attempt was made to get away with victory it was ineffective and the visitors were retired.

The Manley team was a fine bunch of young players and who gave a real exhibition of the national pastime and hope to have the Merchants visit their city next Sunday for a return game.

ENJOY WEEK END PARTY

Dr. John Christ and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Larson, and Mrs. Nellie DeWitt, all of Des Moines, Iowa, gathered at the Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Christ home in this city the latter part of the week for the week end visit. It was really a surprise gathering, as the three parties came in separate cars, all unaware of the visit of the other, and the entire party a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Christ. The Dr. is a brother of Austin, and Mrs. DeWitt is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Christ. They returned home Sunday evening.

CAR CATCHES AFIRE

From Tuesday's Daily—This morning the fire department was called to North Fifth street where it was found that the automobile belonging to W. A. Beckor, was on fire. The car, however, was not greatly damaged as only the spare tire was burned badly and one of the rear tires of the car also suffered some from the flames. The car had been drained of gasoline and it is thought that someone had spilled on the ground and later caught fire, the blaze spreading to the rear part of the car.

TEACHERS HOLD MEETING

From Monday's Daily—The city schools all arrived here for the opening of the school term tomorrow and today the teachers assembled at the high school to attend the teachers meeting which was presided over by Superintendent R. E. Baley. The plans for the year's work was taken up and discussed by the superintendent and the teachers and all made ready for the opening of the school.

RECEIVES FINE

From Tuesday's Daily—This morning in the court of Judge C. L. Graves, Ray Campbell was arraigned on a charge of assault and battery, the complaining witness being Mrs. Campbell. After the discussion of the case a plea of guilty was made by the defendant, a fine of \$5 and costs being assessed.

PAYS \$100 FINE

From Tuesday's Daily—This morning in the county court, William Starnes, colored man, of Omaha, who was recently arrested at Union, charged with possession of intoxicating liquor, was brought before the bar of justice and changed his previous plea of not guilty to that of guilty. The court after hearing the facts in the case and the plea of the defendant assessed a fine of \$100 and costs, which was paid and Mr. Starnes returned to Omaha. The charge against William Strotter, also of Omaha, was dismissed as there was no evidence that he had any ownership in the liquor.

Funeral of a Long Time Resident on Monday

John Fight, 86, Laid to the Last Long Rest in Community Where He Had Long Been Active

The St. John's Catholic church was filled to its capacity Monday morning as the community gathered to pay their last tributes to the memory of John Fight, one of the last of the civil war veterans of the city and who had spent many years as a loved and honored citizen of the community.

The requiem mass was celebrated by Father George Agius, pastor of the church, who also gave the sermon, paying special tribute to the old resident who had laid aside the burden of life to enter into the eternal rest.

During the services, John Cloldt gave as a solo number, "There is No Heart Like Thine" and Mrs. Robert Will, "Lead Kindly Light." Mr. Cloldt and Frank M. Bestor were also heard in a duet number.

At the close of the services the body was borne to the Catholic cemetery west of the city where it was consigned to the last rest. The pall bearers were E. H. Schulhof, Frank Cloldt, John M. Meisinger, Otto Pieters, John Bergman and John Horn.

Mr. Fight was a native of Germany, coming to the United States when but a child and grew to youth in this country and when the dark clouds of the civil war after the nation enlisted in the Union army and served with distinction in the campaign of the war under General U. S. Grant. Following the close of the civil war he came to Wisconsin and was united in marriage in that state to Miss Grace Hagel, the young wife of the late Mr. Fight, whose marriage coming to Cass county, Nebraska, and where they have since resided until a short time since when the wife and mother was called to rest and the husband has now answered the last clear call. "There is surviving five children, W. A. Fight of California, Mrs. Phillip Born, Mrs. P. A. Horn and Frank Fight of this city and Mrs. Thomas J. Sullivan of Omaha.

WEDDINGS AT COURT HOUSE

Judge A. H. Duxbury was kept busy today in the joining of the lives and hearts of a large number of young people from both Nebraska and Iowa who came here to be joined in the bonds of wedlock. It was a most pleasurable morning for the court as the "I Will" resounded through the court room where usually there is only stories of stress and wrongdoing aired.

The parties married were Miss Myrtle I. Reynolds and John Welch of Omaha, who were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones.

Miss Wilma E. Malone of Elmwood and Charles D. Fuhrer of Walton, the bride couple being accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bogenrief of Elmwood.

Miss Ruth LaVerne Bargar and Edwin Dall Willis, both of Ashland, were united in marriage, with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Adcock of Ashland serving as witnesses.

The Iowa couple wedded was Miss Ora Marie Bean and James Mulvany, both of Pacific Junction and who were accompanied here by Misses Alma Bean, sister of the bride, and Miss Myrtle Norman, both of Pacific Junction.

TO LOCATE AT NEBRASKA CITY

W. J. Seydlitz, former manager of the Parmele theatre, has located at Nebraska City, where it is understood he will be interested in the Overland theatre at that place. The family household effects were moved Monday and the family will locate at once in the new home. Mr. Seydlitz has been interested in the motion picture business for the past few years at Havelock and in this city.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our deepest appreciation of the many acts of kindness shown us and our loved father, John Fight, also for the words of sympathy and the beautiful flowers at the time of our bereavement. These loving acts by the friends and neighbors will always be remembered with gratitude.—The Children of John Fight.

Basket Factory to Open in City in Short Time

Nebraska Basket Company to Occupy Former Redmen Building With New Plant

A new industry and one that has promise of a bright future in the line of expansion is to be opened in this city within a very short time, the Nebraska Basket Co., being the industry and which has for its purpose the manufacture of baskets and other articles of wood.

The new company is composed of L. D. Hiatt of this city and Thomas J. Slayman, of Omaha, Mr. Slayman being the inventor of the special machines that are to be used and which have proven a distinct advancement in the art of basket making.

The local plant will be able to take the raw material, gathered from the areas in this locality, and in the machine perfected by Mr. Slayman, will be able to have the finished material ready for the baskets and other articles of wood.

The plant will probably employ six to eight persons in the start but growing of this line of work factory it is hoped to have from seventy-five to one hundred in the factory after the first few months of the plant operation.

Mr. Slayman expects to establish twenty of these plants in different sections of the United States where they will be able to supply widely separated territories with the baskets.

With the improved machinery it will be possible to turn out a greater number of the baskets at a better price than the other processes and as the demand in this line is fast growing the plant should be kept busy from the start.

The active operation of the plant will be looked after by Mr. Slayman while Mr. Hiatt will be the business manager of the plant and with these two very able business men at the head of the organization the Nebraska Basket Co. should be a real asset to the community and supplying the people of the central west with one of the best line of baskets that can be found at the price that will make them attractive to the users of large quantities of these articles.

The factory is the starter of one of the moves that should have been made years ago to induce the establishment of plants of this size and which can expand into a large and thriving industry, and the community should extend to the new plant every aid and encouragement.

SAND PITTERS WIN

The Lyman-Richey sand and gravel worker's baseball team Sunday afternoon defeated the La Platte team by the score of 18 to 5. The Gravelers had Lick March on the mound and who was very effective against the boys from Sarpy in the pinches. The work of Ralph Hill at short was also a feature of the game for the Gravelers.

The Gravelers are to meet the U. P. shophmen at the sandpit diamond on next Sunday in what is expected to be one of the best games of the season.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. Harry Tischer of this city, who has been sitting at Odessa, Nebraska, with the relatives of Mr. Tischer, was taken ill Monday and on Tuesday morning was operated on at that place. The patient was suffering from a very severe attack of appendicitis and an immediate operation was necessary. The patient at the last reports was doing just as well as possible under the circumstances.

TO ATTEND IOWA MEETINGS

Robert Foster Patterson, principal of the high school, has been invited to be the speaker at the banquet of the Villisca, Iowa, chamber of commerce on next Tuesday and also to be the speaker at a large Masonic meeting to be held by the lodge of that city. The Masonic quartet of this city has also been invited to take part in the program at the Masonic gathering.

OLD RESIDENTS CELEBRATE

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rankin, 1621 J street, Lincoln, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage last Tuesday, with a quiet day at their home, receiving congratulations from friends and relatives. They were married at Plattsmouth, by Rev. H. B. Burgess of St. Luke's Episcopal church, Mrs. Rankin being formerly Miss Lilla J. Tucker. They had three children, R. C. Rankin of Lincoln being the only one surviving. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin lived in Lincoln for several years prior to 1912, when they moved to Sedalia, Mo. In 1929 they returned to Lincoln to make their home.

Early History of Plattsmouth is Recounted

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CHAPTER III
Capitol, Statehood and County Seat Controversies

It is a common thing for new towns to aspire to the possession of such political plums as government buildings. The new hamlets of the rising state of Nebraska experienced this same thrill and Bellevue, Omaha, Nebraska City and Plattsmouth each wanted its principal street adorned with the state capitol, the county court house or some other state institution.

It is not surprising then, to find that the location of the territorial capitol called forth a vitriolic controversy which lasted over a period of thirteen years from 1854 to 1867 when the unknown village of Lincoln was finally designated as the seat of the territorial government. Plattsmouth made a strenuous, if not notorious effort to gain the capitol building and thereby hangs an interesting story.

The chief contenders for the capitol honor were Bellevue, Omaha and Plattsmouth. Bellevue's claims were based chiefly on the uncertain intentions of the first territorial Governor, Francis Burt. Gen. Wm. O. Butler was originally confirmed by the United States Senate as chief executive for the Territory but he declined to accept a post so far isolated from the political center of the country and on the rough rim of the frontier. Gov. Burt, a Carolinian, arrived at Bellevue by boat October 6, 1854 and was received by the inhabitants of the village as a man "indicating a disposition for Republican simplicity which constitutes the grandeur and strength of our political and social system."

But Gov. Burt was a sick man upon his arrival and was not able to participate in the ceremonies incident to his reception and planned to go to Bellevue for medical aid, as ushering in a new era for the ancient far post now to be dignified and perhaps glorified by the presence of the authority of the United States. Gov. Burt's illness was diagnosed by Dr. A. B. Malcomb of Bluff City, "County Blue" as "a degeneration of the bilious system" but as vague as the diagnosis was, the ailment brought death within a few days.

The zeal of the capitol agitators overrode whatever respect they might have for the Governor's physical condition for even his last conscious hours were troubled by delegations who forced their way to his sick bed to urge their respective claims of Omaha, Plattsmouth and Bellevue.

Certainly it was only natural that the Governor should come to Bellevue to begin the political organization of the new territory. There was no other settlement in Nebraska having either the size or prestige of Bellevue with its long connection with the fur trade of the west. But the swift flight of Gov. Burt's soul through the silent reaches took with it the vaunted hopes of Bellevue to become the first city of the Territory and placed upon it the seal of the deserted village. Still, Bellevue made a bitter fight for its claims to the last. The Governor's dying words were quoted as proving that she should have the crown and much was made of the superior location of Bellevue as a picturesque spot on the Missouri and as a point for a railroad crossing to the far west.

The founders of Omaha were most active in their claims for the capitol. Omaha was midway north and south in the territory and distances east and west were of no consequence since it was generally agreed that settlement for years ahead would be along the eastern edge of the territory.

The Plattsmouth advocates considered her location as good as either Omaha or Bellevue and made much of the fact that the capitol should be located south of the Platte river since it was claimed that the population was greater in that section.

The Territorial constitution provided that the capitol should be located by the Governor and the legislature act together. Thus the controversy divides itself into the period prior to the assembling of the legislature in January, 1855 and the legislative contest which followed its meeting. It was during the first period that Omaha and Bellevue were most active while Plattsmouth's strongest bid for the honors came in the legislature. This can be readily understood from the fact that Plattsmouth was just getting started during 1854 and had no opportunity to participate in the struggle with any considerable force.

Governor Burt's death brought in power as Acting Governor, T. B. Cuming, originally appointed as Territorial Secretary. "He was a swarthy, compactly built man, with a head and features that plainly bespoke power of will, sagacity and courage." He was unimpaired by the past and pledged to no one, for no one had suspected that authority would be so suddenly thrust upon him. It was a difficult knot in which he found himself with the sparse population.

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The various committees also outlined the plans that they had for the year and which promises a busy time and many interesting events for the club in the coming year.

HERE FROM ILLINOIS

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meisinger west of the city, are enjoying a visit from Mr. and Mrs. George Bohms, of Pekin, Illinois, and the members of the house party have just returned from an auto trip to Plainview and vicinity where they were the guests of relatives and friends. The visit here of the Illinois friends has been much enjoyed and they will remain here for a more extended visit with the relatives in this locality. En route home Mr. and Mrs. Bohms will stop at Ottumwa, Iowa, to visit for a time before going on home.

New store, new merchandise, new prices. Watch for the opening of The Reliable 5c to \$1.00 store. s3-tfd&w

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