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MURDOCK ITEMS

Paul Schewe transacted business in Lincoln last Thursday.

Parker Otto, Wabash barber, paid a fraternal call on his friend, Eddie Craig, one day last week.

Edward Ganaway, the shoemaker, was a visitor at the home of his daughter in Lincoln from Sunday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Edgar of Wahoo were week end guests at the home of Mrs. Edgar's mother, Mrs. August Panska.

Victor Thimgan was a visitor in Hastings during the past week, having business matters to transact at that place and also visiting friends.

A group of young people from the church here were at Dawson Sunday, where they attended a church gathering and participated in the fine program that was held there.

Mr. and Mrs. Diller Utt and Mrs. Owen Runyan, the latter employed at a cafe in Lincoln, were guests last Sunday at the home of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. George Utt.

Vernon Schewe, who is farming with his father east of town, has moved into Murdock, as this is near the farm and will make it very convenient for him to continue his work on the home place.

Open Kittenball Season Soon

The first kittenball game of the season on the home court will be played Tuesday evening, May 17. During the past few years kittenball has proven very popular here, resulting in the securing of lights for the field two years ago and during the regular playing season large crowds turn out each night. Local teams are getting in condition for the opening night's play, further details of which will be brought to you in next week's Journal.

Attended Trial at Plattsmouth

I. C. McCrorey and Victor Thimgan were at Plattsmouth last Wednesday, where they went to attend the trial of Marjorie Twiss versus the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company. A number of parties from Murdock and vicinity were called as witnesses. Although rain fell most of the day, the Murdock folks were in the dry at the court house.

Visited at Manley Wednesday

A merry party of members of the Royal Neighbors of America lodge at Murdock went to Manley last Wednesday where they met with the lodge at that place. The members of these two lodges often meet with one another and a fine spirit of friendship prevails.

Visited Alvo and Lincoln

L. Neitzel the circuit-riding modern day Pilgrim reports a red letter day last Sunday. A fine men's class at Alvo was his first assignment and he says it was a pleasure to talk to this intelligent and appreciative group whom he has hopes of being able to visit again.

At 2 p. m. he was in Lincoln to attend a meeting at the City Mission.

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Elmwood News

Donald Gonzales was home over Sunday with his mother, Emily Gonzales.

Albert Kuntz, L. Ling and Henry Wendt were in Lincoln Monday of last week on business.

A new roof has been placed on the building in which the cafe of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Flaischman is located.

The work of rebuilding a bridge on the Missouri Pacific west of Elmwood has been completed and the bridge crew moved on to other work last week.

The Senior class play was held last Friday, when they presented "Speeding Along," which was filled with fun and laughter. A large attendance is reported.

Albert Kuntz and daughter, Miss Dolores, were in Lincoln last Saturday, where they were looking after business matters and visiting friends and relatives.

Will Atchison and sister Ella visited in Omaha Tuesday of last week, stopping in Plattsmouth for a short time to look after business matters and visit with friends.

Emily and Donald Gonzales entertained Mrs. Sadie Baker, Mr. and Mrs. John Weilage of Crete and Mr. and Mrs. John P. Gonzales and Clark Rachel and Charles Gonzales, at dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Maude West served as hostess to the M. I. S. S. club Sunday, May 1, at the home of Mrs. Hattie Rosenow. A delicious covered dish dinner was served at one o'clock. Nineteen members were present.

Fred Rosenow son Richard and daughter Alma Hildenbrandt, Mrs. Ivan Rosenow and Mrs. Raymond Rosenow and son of Clay Center, Kansas, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rosenow Saturday evening.

Emil Flaischman, who is engaged in farming pursuits near Decatur, visited in Elmwood a number of days during the past week, being a guest at the homes of his brothers, William and Fred Flaischman while here.

Otto Ring, of Gregory, South Dakota, visited friends in this vicinity during the past week. He formerly resided at Elmwood where he was engaged in the trucking business, and is now engaged in the same line of business at Gregory.

Fred Schaeffer Passes Away

Fred Schaeffer, age 62, who resided near Elmwood the past forty years and was engaged in farming, passed away last Sunday after a prolonged illness. He had been subject to severe attacks of asthma for some time. Funeral services were held Tuesday with interment in the cemetery north of town.

Mr. Schaeffer was an exemplary citizen, well liked by everyone who knew him. He leaves to mourn his passing, the widow, one son Henry and one daughter, Miss Elizabeth. The son is at home and the daughter is taking a course in beauty culture at an Omaha college.

Attend Two Conventions

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Greene were in Omaha last Tuesday, where they were guests of the Rexall company at a meeting of druggists who handle that line of products. Thursday they went to Grand Island, where they attended the meeting of the Nebraska Retail Druggists association. They report druggists at this meeting from every part of the state.

Raymond Norris and wife, accompanied by Mrs. Anson Norris, departed last week for points in Illinois, where they formerly resided and will visit relatives and old friends. They are making the trip by automobile.

Thirteen to Graduate

The Senior class of the Elmwood high school will receive their diplomas at the commencement exercises to be held May 18. Scholarships will be awarded to Howard Liston and Miss Clara Dennis, both of whom scored exceptionally high ratings.

The class is composed of thirteen members as follows: Wellington Dennis, Lois Hall, Robert Aldrich, Mary Pool, Elizabeth Wiseman, Dwight

Clement, Howard Liston, Donald Kelley, E. Julian, Mary Brinton, Clara Dennis, Warren Pahl and Marie Koubal.

Visited at Sargeant Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hall and son were guests at the home of a cousin, George Crawford at Sargeant last Sunday. They made the trip in the new Ford V-8 which they just recently purchased, finding the going good, with just a bit of rain in the early morning. Returning they had good roads all the way until they left the hard surfaced highway a short distance from home, finding plenty of mud as a result of the inch or more of rainfall here.

Uncle Very Poorly

Mrs. George Blessing, Sr., received a message advising her of the serious illness of her uncle, P. K. Talhurst, at Big Timber, Montana. George left for his bedside Saturday. Mr. Talhurst is suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia. He has long been engaged in the ranching business near Big Timber, but just recently retired and held a closing out sale. He is a brother of Mrs. Blessing's father.

Buys Business in Weeping Water

Stanley Wood, who has been with the Standard Oil company and as well engaged in other matters, the first of last week concluded a deal whereby he becomes the owner of the business formerly owned and conducted in Weeping Water by Rasmus Lauritzen. Mr. Wood plans to move to Weeping Water soon to make his home there and look after the business he has purchased.

Visited Here Last Week

Emmitt Cook and family have been enjoying a visit from a brother of Mr. Cook, Howard Cook, who has been making his home in Colorado for a number of years. He was on his way to Oakland to visit at the home of his parents. Concluding his brief stay here, he was taken to Greenwood Saturday by Emmitt Cook and family to catch the train for Oakland.

While in Greenwood, Mr. Cook and family visited a short time at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Mathis.

Eldon Panska Very Sick

Eldon Panska, well known farmer of this vicinity, is ill at his home with smallpox. He is being cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keckler and a sister of Mrs. Keckler, who have both had the disease. Due to the fact that he became ill while attending church services last Sunday, considerable apprehension has been felt by others present at the services and a good number have been vaccinated against a possible attack of the disease, which, should it be contracted will be in much milder form as a result of the vaccination.

NEW G.O.P. CANDIDATE

HASTINGS, Neb., May 7 (UP)—Kenneth H. Gedney, 43, Hastings architect announced last night he will seek the republican nomination for governor. A newcomer to state politics, Gedney said his backers are organizing a statewide volunteer movement to be called "The Circle N ranch."

C. E. Liba, Hastings clothier, has assumed chairmanship of the organization locally and letters have been sent to political leaders in various sections of the state. Gedney, an ex-service man, has been active in Legion, Shrine and Rotary affairs here. His family consists of his wife and four children.

RECEIVES LONG SENTENCE

OMAHA, May 7 (UP)—Joe Hanley, Sioux City, Iowa desperado today was sentenced by Federal Judge J. A. Donohoe to 55 years in prison on two counts.

Hanley yesterday pleaded guilty to kidnaping Sheriff Herman Bredensteiner and his deputy, Dean James from Nishnabotna.

Story of Bands Plattsmouth Has Had in the Past

E. H. Schulhof Has Interesting Story of the Various Organizations That Were Formed Here.

There must have been bands in Plattsmouth at an earlier date but the first in my recollection was the Plattsmouth Silver Helicon Band about 1876. The band had a bass, baritone, two tenors and two altos that were helicon instruments, hence its name. These instruments were circular in shape and the performer had to put his head and right arm through the loop and let the weight rest on his left shoulder. The cornets were about the same as present day cornets except shorter, and the band was composed of the above helicon instruments, one ordinary alto, three cornets, two drums and no clarinets at all. The first director was a Mr. Fowler and after him came Alex Clark who acted in that capacity for many years.

In 1882 the band became the B. & M. Band with very gorgeous uniforms, a membership of twelve and noted for its music and fine military appearance. The personnel of the band changed frequently, but they kept going as an organization until the early nineties.

Fred Rampe, retired merchant, was a member of both bands from 1876 on and has many reminiscences of the early days of these bands. Fred was delegated to collect the money for uniforms for the B. & M. Band, most of which was donated by the Burlington shop men. He tells that Geo. W. Holdrege and Superintendent of Motive Power Hawksworth each gave \$25.00 to the fund.

In 1879, what we called the Bohemian Band, settled here, coming direct from the old country and bringing with them the first clarinets heard by the writer. This was a small band of six men, five of them being Janda brothers. They were Frank, Antone, Tom, Joseph and Cyril. Of these, Frank of Omaha and Cyril of this city are still living. This group of musicians became immensely popular and were in constant demand for dances, picnics and parades. The band was increased early after its arrival by three new members, James Bafeck, John Karvaneck and James Praeck. Later on two drummers were added and are grouped with the rest of the band in the picture shown at the music display room where they are called the City Band. This organization kept together for over thirty years and were always popular.

About 1885 Frank Hewitt, tuba player in the B. & M. Band organized a juvenile band which had no other name than the "Kids" band and these "kids" fell heir to the old helicon instruments discarded by the B. & M. band. Nearly every boy in town had a tryout at some time or other in the first two years of its existence. Joe Hawksworth was our solo cornet player and leader and the writer hereof the proud possessor of a valve trombone (bought on the installment plan) on which instrument he performed so lustily he was relegated to the woodshed to do his home work as a precaution against wrecking the plating in the house. Several of the members of this band graduated to membership in the B. & M. band in later years and the rest drifted into other pursuits.

About 1889 a band was organized in South Park and went by that name, with the writer as teacher. The band rehearsed in the "Tabernacle" a frame building erected by the Baptists and used by them as a place of worship. The minister's name was Woods and his son was the solo cornet player, and believe it or not John Crabill and E. M. ("Life") Godwin, were members and many others whose names I have forgotten. John and "Life" could tell some interesting stories of this band and its rather short and hectic existence.

The B. & M. band was reorganized about 1898 and with the splendid cooperation of the B. & M. rail-

way officials became one of the best known bands in this part of the state, the membership being almost 100 per cent railway employees. This band was chosen by the Jacksonian club of Omaha to accompany them to the democratic national convention in Kansas City in 1900 and made a fine impression while there. This band was disbanded in 1904 after the shop force was reduced by about 50 per cent and never reorganized.

The writer left town that year and on his return in 1911 organized the Elks band which was the leading band here for several years afterward, becoming the Eagles band and later the Elks. During my absence from 1904 to 1911 a band known as the M.W.A. band was organized and became very popular.

Our high school band is now in operation under the direction of Prof. Myers and doing some splendid work. Peter Gradoville has charge of the band of the Recreation Center and has a large group of musicians in constant practice. They are making fine progress under Mr. Gradoville and in connection with the school band and several out of town bands will be heard in concert on Saturday, May 7th.

All bands have their ups and downs the same as groups of humans in any other profession and the personnel of the B. & M. and the other bands were constantly changing. At times we had no band at all and then some new musicians would come to town and we would start going again. The B. & M. band had several directors, Mr. Fowler, Alex Clark, Lew Foote, A. H. Dray, Ed Schulhof, The Elks band Ed Schulhof, and W. R. Holly. The high school band, Prof. Woodard, Griffin, Hiatt, Knolle and Myers. The members of the school band are given credits for their work in that organization and some very good performers have been developed.

It was the year 1893 Demmie Hiatt and Calvin Atwood then boys in school caused to be financed and organized the first high school band. The only music then being taught was vocal by a Miss Paul. The movement received hearty approval by the superintendent, Mr. McClelland, but to finance the plan was the problem, as no funds were available with which to purchase instruments. So Hiatt and Atwood suggested they be allowed to raise the money and a canvass for donations among the business houses and professional men was made and a sufficient amount of cash given to finance the plan. Demmie Hiatt was delegated to make the purchase of used instruments in Omaha and together with these and a few horns donated by individuals the band was soon ready for rehearsals. Frank Hewitt was secured as director and each of the fourteen members paid twenty-five cents per week for his services. Rehearsals were held in a little house just west of the Knorr home, which has since been removed. A few of the members of this band are still active musicians.

Many of the old time band members are still living, Fred Lehnhof in Omaha, Walter Holmes, Los Angeles, Joe Hawksworth, Omaha, Wm. Richardson, Kansas City, G. E. Engert, Beloit, Wis., and many here in Plattsmouth.

Roy Holly, director of the Elks band the last few years of its existence organized a Little German band for our Kora Carnival at the time these fall festivals were started and this band is always a hit and draw much applause in the parades with their versatile drum major, "Bub" Martin leading the group and displaying his bag of tricks. Let us hope we will always have a band in Plattsmouth. The delight afforded to all by a good band—both audience and performers can't be measured in dollars and cents. I will never forget the first time I heard the Bohemian band. How thrilled I was at the music and the expert performance of Cyril Janda on his E Flat clarinet. These events stay with one after the serious things have been forgotten. Here's best wishes to all the band boys of long ago and good luck and a strong lip to the new generation.
ED SCHULHOF.

AVOCA NEWS

Lloyd Behrnes, local merchant, transacted business in Nebraska City Tuesday.

L. E. Julian, of Elmwood, was looking after business matters in Avoca last Monday.

Rev. J. M. Kokjer and R. D. Hall were in Omaha last Monday, where they attended a church convention.

Marius Nelson and John Stubendick were at York last Monday on business, making the trip in Mr. Nelson's truck.

Monte Lum was a visitor over the week end with relatives in Verdon and on Wednesday was called to look after some business matters at Omaha.

Elmer Hennings and wife, and Louis Carsten were at Plattsmouth last Tuesday, where they attended the funeral of the late John Hallstrom.

Henry Maseman was attending the funeral of the late Fred Schaeffer, at his late home. A second service followed at Elmwood, where interment was made.

Mesdames J. W. Brendel and Caroline Marquardt, who were elected to attend the church convention in Omaha, as delegates from the local church, attended the various sessions there last week.

Some of those who attended the funeral of John Halstrom at Plattsmouth Tuesday were Fred Carsten and wife, Calvin Carsten and wife, Oscar Zimmerer and mother, and Fred Marquardt and family.

It has been reported (but lacks verification) that a wild cat was seen in the jungle which was set out by Monte Lum and Henry Maseman week before last. If there are any further developments that can be authenticated, we will notify the public regarding same.

Elmer J. Hallstrom and family together with a large number of Avoca residents were at Plattsmouth last Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mr. Hallstrom's father, John Hallstrom, who passed away on Sunday. The deceased was a long time resident of Plattsmouth and a veteran Burlington shop employee.

Woman's Club at Church

The members of the Avoca Women's club were gathered at the church basement where they sipped delicious tea and considered matters of interest to the welfare of the community.

Teachers Take a Trip

Three of the teachers of the Avoca schools, Miss Bertha TeSelle of Firth, Miss Elizabeth Beise of Dunbar and Rene Rodell, departing early Sunday morning went to the home of Miss Rodell, where they enjoyed breakfast and after a short visit went to Firth, home of Miss TeSelle, where they attended Bible school and church and remained for dinner. They then turned towards home, arriving at Dunbar for supper and evening services and reaching here late that night. Like the little boy of lyric fame, they must have had a busy day.

Death of Adolph Wolfe

Adolph Wolfe, age 20, who resided on a farm east of Otoe, died suddenly last Saturday. He was taken with a sudden and severe attack of appendicitis that required an emergency operation, from which he failed to recover. Funeral services were held on Monday.

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