

Bohemian Turners and Their Successful Competition at Schuyler



OMAHA GIRLS WHO TOOK PART IN COMPETITION.



Mamie, Rose, Tillie. THE KMENT SISTERS OF OMAHA WHO HAVE EACH WON GOLD MEDALS IN COMPETITION—TILLIE KMENT WON THIS GOLD MEDAL AT SCHUYLER.



SOUTH OMAHA'S REPRESENTATIVES.



SCHUYLER GIRLS WHO WERE IN EVIDENCE.



PLATTSMOUTH'S COMPETITORS.

CHUYLER was dressed in its gayest holiday clothes August 3, 4 and 5, that being the occasion of the annual tournament of the Bohemian Turners' society. The inscriptions quoted above appeared on the handsome arches erected at the junctions of the principal streets. All the stores were decorated with the emblems of the turners, with flags, hunting and streamers. The governor of the state and the mayor of Omaha were among the speakers. There were dances and concerts and a general merrymaking. Mayor Rathbun of Schuyler handed over the key of the city to the turners and the town was theirs.



SCHUYLER COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF THE CONVENTION AND COMPETITION.



SCHUYLER CLASS IN THE TOURNAMENT.

The "sokol" is a bird noted for its strength, grace and agility. The turners are known as "sokols," and the fine specimens of strong manhood and graceful womanhood found among them bear testimony that the name is fitting. The classes of contestants began to arrive in Schuyler Friday. Everywhere was heard the turner greeting, "Nazdravie." The men came from Dodge, Bruno, Crete, Clarkson, Howells, Ord, Plattsmouth, Wilbur, Omaha, South Omaha and Schuyler. Girls' teams came from Plattsmouth, Dodge, Omaha, South Omaha and Schuyler. Friday was devoted to getting acquainted, the appointment of judges and preliminary business.

Work was done by the men on the parallel bars, horizontal bars, horse, pole vaulting, long and broad jumping and in callisthenics; by the girls in callisthenics, long and broad jumping.

Conductors and Judges Busy. Joseph Sterba of Omaha had charge of the men's classes in the tournament and B. Bartos of Omaha conducted the girls through their drills. Eleven pieces of apparatus were going at one time, and the twenty-seven judges had all they could do.

Some Noted Athletes. Among the distinguished athletes in the men's divisions are the names of the Peseks and the Krecoks. The former are from Schuyler and the latter from Omaha. Anton Pesek, who carried off the gold medal in the first division belongs to this family. There are four brothers and between them they have a quart or so of medals to bear witness to what persistent practice does for the turner. Frank Krecok made his first try for honors in the first division at this tournament and the score of 145.5 points made by him was considered remarkable.

Work of the Classes. Class work was done only in the second and third divisions. Each class consists of six men or girls. The results in men's class work were as follows: Second Division—First honors, Schuyler, 823.5 points; second honors, Wilbur, 754.

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Beautiful Sight at Park. Is there any prettier sight than that of healthy, graceful human bodies moving in rhythm through intricate evolutions? The men in their uniforms of blue trousers, with white armless shirts, trimmed with narrow bands of scarlet, and the women and girls in their short skirts and blouses made a sight which sent the spectators into frequent wild cheers at the beauty of the exhibition, and which caused Frank Slavovinsky, the western division instructor, to smile all over with pride. The records made were excellent. Before giving the points it is necessary to take some notice of the precise and exceedingly strict method of marking adopted by the turners. There were twenty-seven judges, every one of them a man of long experience and an expert in gymnastics. The "tricks" are divided into five grades. Tricks in the first grade are comparatively the easiest, and tricks in the fifth are comparatively the most difficult. In the individual contests two judges watched each person. The marking was done both on the difficulty of the trick and on excellence of execution. In this method of judging tricks of the first grade count 1; tricks of the fifth grade count 5. If the trick (in any grade) is executed perfectly the contestant gets 5. This arrangement is such that

no contestant will attempt a trick beyond his ability. Suppose there is a trick in grade 2 which he knows he can perform perfectly; it is better for him to try that trick than to take one from grade 3 which he can perform only passably. If he performs the trick in grade 2 perfectly his score is 2 plus 3 (for perfect execution); if he takes a trick from grade 3 and performs it only passably he may get only 2 on execution, thus giving him a score of only 3 plus 2.

Prizes Awarded Sunday. Three accountants were kept busy for hours figuring up the points made by the contestants as marked by the twenty-seven judges. The results were not known until Sunday and the awarding of gold and silver medals, honors and diplomas

took place at the grand picnic in Noha grove on Sunday afternoon. The day dawned cloudy and threatening. But at noon the sky cleared and the picnicers were favored with ideal weather. Headed by the band the parade proceeded to the picnic. Mayor and Mrs. Dahlman occupied a carriage and Joseph Mik, chairman of the western division, was also in a carriage. The announcement of prizes was made at the grounds amid great enthusiasm. The men were divided into three divisions and the winners were as follows: First Division—Gold medal, Anton Pesek of Schuyler, 154.5 points; silver medal, Frank Krecok of Omaha, 145.5 points. Second Division—Gold medal, John Pesek of Schuyler, 148.5 points; silver medal, John Holub of Schuyler, 146.2 points. Third Division—Gold medal, Rudolph Kovar of Schuyler, 127.7 points; silver medal, Bed Bartos of Omaha, 113.3 points. Among the girls, Mamie Kment of Omaha carried off the gold medal with 48.3 points. Clara Zeleny of South Omaha was just .1 of a point behind her and took

the silver medal with 47.7 points. Miss Kment comes from a family of athletes, her two sisters, Tillie and Rose, having each won gold medals heretofore. Miss Kment also distinguished herself by making a standing high jump of four feet three inches. She and her sister, Tillie, were perfect in callisthenics and were the only ones among the girls to make this record.

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New Iowa Historian Installed

DES MOINES, Aug. 8.—(Special Correspondence of The Bee.)—Edgar R. Harlan, who has just taken up his duties as assistant to Curator Aldrich of the historical building, is peculiarly and rarely fitted for the position he has accepted and persons who know him are congratulating the state of Iowa on its new acquisition to the official family.

He was a descendant of a historic family and married the daughter of George Duffield, one of the pioneer settlers of Iowa, and a man who has devoted much of his life and attention to preserving the early history of the state. Mr. Harlan's early years were spent in Keosauqua, which in an early day contained the biggest men of the state and was thought to be destined to be one of the most important cities of the state on that account.



EDGAR R. HARLAN.

As a young man Mr. Harlan came to Des Moines, where he entered Drake university, and later graduated from the law school of Drake. It was more of a historical interest in accounting for the existence of English jurisprudence that led him to the study of the law than an admiration for the practice of law, and throughout all his life his interest in everything has been first its historical worth. Mr. Harlan some ten years ago was made secretary of the Van Buren County Pioneers' association. He secured in that way a list of the early settlers and with diligent work gained from those still alive a fund of information on the early history of the state.

On the way to Coney Island a woman was heard wrestling with some mathematical calculation, relates the New York Sun. "That makes 127," she said. Presently she added: "That makes 128," and later, "That makes 129." Persons sitting near looked around wondering, trying to discover what it was that had reached the prodigious figures of 127, 128 and 129. Finally the woman's companion explained. "She's counting cemeteries," he said. "She's been at it all the way from Kansas. We're traveling from there to Boston. Even on this two-day stopover in New York she can't quit counting gravestones. We've passed 129. She's hoping that if we have luck the number may reach 150 by the time we get to Boston."

The Buttermilk Cocktail. Throat parched? Irrigate it with a buttermilk cocktail. This is a new brand of dampness which was devised at the University of Chicago. The buttermilk cocktail, which is a snake combination of two thirst cures recently encountered by Vice President

Curious and Romantic Capers of Cupid

His Ballet Was a Hornet. THE PASSENGERS on a Darby-bound trolley car from Chester, Pa., on the line of the Chester Traction company, were startled to see a well-dressed man, named Elliott, jump out of his seat, clasp his hand to his breast, and exclaim, "My God, I'm shot!"

Dr. Herbert Gresham James, the specialist in dipomania, was talking in New York about the cunning with which dipomania in confinement will obtain liquor. "A certain noted but intemperate actor," said Dr. Gresham James, "was once locked up by the manager in order that he might not spoil the evening performance by overdrinking. His confinement was close. Windows, doors—everything was locked and barred."

Hot Weather Woo. From Altoona, Penn., comes a tale of hot weather woo. Tired of being prosecuted and fined each week for violating the Sunday law for selling soda water, one of the leading druggists proposes to retaliate by bringing the paid choir of the city churches to book. He made known his intentions when he paid his fine for last Sunday's violation.

A Century and Ten. Mrs. Mary McGrath, whose claim that she will be 100 years old on August 15, is generally believed by old time residents of Fond du Lac and Bradon, who know that she has lived in Wisconsin for seventy years or more, was brought to Milwaukee last week to be cared for during the remainder of her life at the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

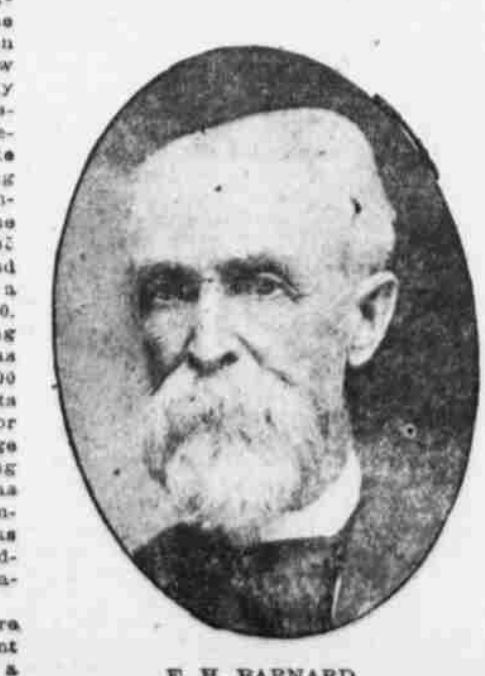
Divorce Party's Latest. Newport has done so many wild things in the way of fresh entertaining that it takes something unusual to raise a ripple there any more. But the latest dinner party idea is so extraordinary that it made even Newport gasp. It was an original luncheon given by one of the foremost exponents of the trial marriage, reports the Broadway Magazine.

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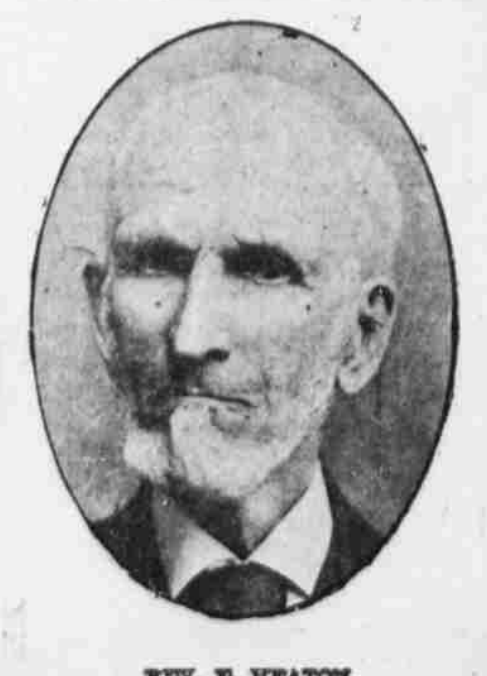
Pioneer Church Celebrates Its Jubilee

THE Fremont Congregational church, which celebrated its semi-centennial last week, is next to the oldest church of that denomination in the state. The town was less than a year old and did not number 100 persons when on August 2, 1857, Rev. Isaac E. Heaton, a graduate of Brown university of Providence, R. I., a man of scholarly attainments and of broad and liberal views, organized it with seven members, Edwin H. Barnard, William R. Davis, Henry N. Heaton, Rev. Isaac E. Heaton, Mrs. Miranda N. Heaton, Mrs. Alicia Marvin and Henry A. Pierce. Three months after Henry N. Heaton died and Mr. Davis returned to the east, leaving only three members besides the pastor and his wife. For about three years services were held in private houses. The first church was built of logs and was on the site of the present edifice. A few years later a frame structure, originally built for a barn, was bought some distance northeast. In 1866 this was replaced by a substantial edifice on the site of the present building, the lots being donated by E. H. Barnard, who also contributed liberally for its erection. The present building was constructed in 1882 and has been thoroughly repaired and decorated at a cost of about \$5,000 and a new organ installed at a cost of \$2,200.

thought; Dr. A. T. Swing, now professor of ecclesiastical history in Oberlin theological seminary; Rev. Loren F. Berry, who was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. W. H. Busch, in 1896. Mr. Busch resigned in 1901 and was succeeded by Rev. John Doane, now of Greeley, Colo. In 1905 he again accepted a call to the pastorate. He has always been a recognized leader in the state association and has been a member of the national council. The Nebraska State association was organized in Fremont in 1867, with only three churches, and next fall it will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary here. Mr. Barnard is the only person now living who was a representative to it.



E. H. BARNARD.



REV. E. HEATON.