

TO-NIGHT!

At Lloyd's Opera House.

The Arion Quartette,

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J. Edmund V. Cook.

A peerless lady quartette and very highly endorsed poet and reader :

Prices 35 and 50 Cts.

Town and County News.

Among those who are seriously sick at present is Mrs. A. M. Mason.

A full rehearsal of "The Sorcerer" will be held at the opera house to-morrow evening.

J. B. Hindrey came down from Denver this morning to look after the horses he left here a week or so ago.

In commemoration of Lincoln's birth on Feb'y 12th, 1809, a number of flags are displayed in the city to-day.

Edward Morin, who was dangerously ill for several weeks, is now able to walk around, though he is still very weak.

About every third person in town is effected more or less with a cold. The trouble seems to be of an epidemic nature.

S. W. VanDoran returned from Hershey last night where he had been engaged for several days in plastering houses for J. H. Hershey.

Judge Grimes returned last night from Ogalalla, where he held a term of district court. The Judge will hold court in Kimball county in a few days.

Bert Bobbitt raised a disturbance in Langraf's saloon this forenoon and was smashed on the head with a beerfaucet by the proprietor, making quite a gash.

The Cody Guard will give its regular monthly dancing party at Keith's hall on Friday evening of next week. Attendants are assured the usual pleasant time.

The Arion quartette and Mr. Cooke arrived from Kearney last night on train No. 3. Indications are favorable for a large attendance at the concert this evening at the opera house.

A postal card from Wiley Mathews, who with his wife have been spending the winter at Janesville, Ill., announces that they will return to Lincoln county within a few days.

Mrs. L. C. Stockton, at once time a resident of North Platte, visited friends in town Wednesday while enroute to Lansing, Mich., where her husband is employed on a newspaper.

It is said that during this spring all the light telegraph poles between this city and Omaha will be replaced by heavy ones. This is made necessary by the increase in the number of wires.

Several members of the local camp of Woodmen will go to Hershey on Friday evening of next week to attend a banquet to be given by the camp of that place. It will be an invitation affair, and the members are spreading themselves to make the affair a glittering success.

On Friday evening of next week the Knights of Pythias will hold an informal social at the hall, to which all members and their ladies are invited. A short musical programme will be rendered, after which an opportunity to play cards will be given those who so desire.

Our prices on bran, feed, flour, grain and hay are as low as the lowest. We guarantee to sell our goods at bottom prices all the time. You cannot name a price you have heard of elsewhere that we will not meet, or sell even cheaper, if quality is considered.

HARRINGTON & TOBIN.

It is a source of regret to Tommy Healey that he was unable, by reason of pressure of business, to attend the Bradley-Martin fancy dress ball in New York Wednesday. Tom had burnished up his coat of arms, invested in an evening dress suit and borrowed Doc Sizemore's \$700 diamond stud preparatory to leaving for New York Saturday night, but at the last moment he was approached by a country resident and asked to prosecute a case in a justices' court, and he was compelled to declare his trip off. He, however, sent Mrs. Bradley-Martin a 400-word telegram of regret.

Fred Thompson left last night for his home in Weableau City, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Turner of Grand Island, are visiting relatives in the city.

M. C. Keith, Dr. Donaldson and Keith Neville are expected home from Chicago to-night.

The Sophomore literary society held a pleasant meeting at the home of Miss Lillian Hendy last evening.

Walter Hoagland returned from Gandy Wednesday, where he transacted legal business for several days.

Colonel W. F. Cody accompanied by Mr. Snyder returned home last night from his trip in the east.

Four plumbers from the U. P. shops at Omaha are putting steam heating pipes in the boiler and tinker shops.

W. J. Stuart went to Omaha this morning to meet Mrs. Stuart, who returns home from St. Louis to-morrow night.

Mr. Weir, of Sterling, Col., who has been visiting his brother Charley Weir for a few days, returned home to-day.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, of Danville, Ill., and Mrs. Johnson, of Salt Lake City, are the guests of J. I. Smith and family.

Ed Marr and wife, of the Third ward, went to Gandy to-day to attend an entertainment given by the Odd Fellows of that place.

Rev. Beecher goes to Kearney Sunday to preach the funeral service of Dr. Porter, an old resident of that city, who died yesterday.

Messrs. Roth, Seeburger and Eves, accompanied by their wives, went to Hershey yesterday afternoon and returned last night.

The Brown-Keith case, being heard before Referee Hoagland, will be resumed to-morrow after an adjournment of about a week.

Poultry Netting 1-2 cent a square foot at the Wilcox Dept. Store.

Clarence Ogier obtained a license yesterday of Judge Ray and will wed Miss Nora Sykes. The parties are residents of Hooker precinct.

The man who regulates the weather from the tower of the auditorium at Chicago predicts rain or snow tonight and tomorrow; and a fall in the temperature. The local indications bear out the forecast of the Chicago man.

At the G. A. R. encampment at Hastings Wednesday, John E. Evans, of this city, was elected junior vice commander by acclamation. This is a just recognition of the time and labor Mr. Evans has devoted to the good of that order.

Engine 889 broke the spider in the right side cylinder this morning while being moved through the yards preparatory to going out on No. 2. The engine which brought in the train took it through to Grand Island.

The North Platte delegation which attended the G. A. R. encampment at Hastings this week returned home last night. The delegates report a very pleasant time, and all of course feel elated over the election of J. E. Evans as junior vice commander.

A special train of two cars containing General Manager Dickinson, Supt. Nichols, and several members of the Union Pacific reorganization committee arrived in the city Wednesday evening and left for the west the following morning. Among the members of the party are said to have been President Depew of the New York Central and President Huggitt of the Northwestern. The party is out on a tour of inspection in connection with the proposed purchase of the road.

Judge Grimes announced in court Tuesday, addressing some of the attorneys, that it is his intention to have no more jurors called for this county this year, and ruled that no cases should be put over when ample time had already been had to be in readiness for trial. In this matter of economy the judge is right, and if the attorneys come to know that the dallying process is at an end, perhaps they will find it convenient to be fully prepared at the very first of court.—Ogalalla News.

The trial of Frank Yocum, who shot and killed James Evans at Ogalalla on the night of December 23d, came up in the district court of Keith county this week and occupied two and a half days time. The case was given to the jury on Wednesday evening and after being out all night returned a verdict of not guilty of manslaughter, but guilty of the charge of assault and battery. Judge Grimes sentenced Yocum to sixty days in the county jail and to pay all costs. Attorneys Wilcox & Halligan, of this city were the attorneys for the defense, while Muldon and McSay conducted the prosecution.

Decorate Your Homes. A beautiful line of Engravings, Artist's Etchings, Imitation Pastels and Water-Color Pictures just received and will be sold at remarkably low prices and framed to suit you. BARGAINS IN FURNITURE. This month we wish to make room for our immense spring stock. E. B. WARNER. ODD FELLOWS BLOCK.

Rennie's Grand Special Sale of New Dress Goods. We have just opened 50 new dress patterns in the latest designs and patterns which we have now on sale at prices from \$5.00 to \$10.00. We have also just opened \$1500 worth of fine Moquet, Body and Tapestry Brussels which we will sell at prices that will surprise you. Also 10 pieces of fine all wool Lowel Carpets. Also Linoleums and Oil Cloths which we are making special prices on. We also expect to give you the greatest shoe sale ever known to the trade. We have just opened \$1000 worth of new shoes, and will make a special effort to get your trade if low prices will do it. We will sell you our best \$5.00 French Kid shoe, coin or pin toe, at \$3.50. Our fine \$4.00 French Kid shoe at \$2.75. Our \$3.50 shoe at \$2.50, and so on through our entire line of men's ladies' and children's shoes. Remember this sale begins at once and lasts for one week at Rennie's. - Rennie's.

W. H. Beckett of Logan county on Tuesday sold four hogs to W. M. Baskins which averaged 490 pounds each.

D. E. Fowles, who had been wintering his horses and cattle at Maxwell, moved them this week to his ranch near Gandy.

Frank Huntington, who had been visiting relatives in town for ten days, returned to Caldwell, Idaho, Tuesday night.

Mrs. Chas. Hendy very pleasantly entertained the ladies' society of the Lutheran church at her home on Wednesday afternoon.

Peter Dolan, the well known stock-grower of Maxwell, has been quite sick for several days past. Dr. McCabe was called to see him Wednesday.

Crochet Cotton 3 spools for 10 cents at the Wilcox Dept. Store.

The Lincoln Journal pronounces the Arion quartette one of the best that has visited that city. You should hear the ladies at the opera house this evening.

The date for the production of "The Sorcerer" will be on or about February 20th. So far the rehearsals have progressed very satisfactorily, considering the work required in drilling so large a chorus.

"The Sorcerer" is one of Gilbert & Sullivan's best operas, and it promises to be rendered in a manner that will prove satisfactory to the audience. The opera will have full orchestral accompaniment.

Messrs. Bloom, Clapp and O'Rourke, officers of the Gaslin irrigation district, were in town yesterday and stated that they had made arrangements to advertise for bids for \$60,000 worth of bonds voted by the district. Bids for these bonds with be received up to March 6th. An order for lithographed bonds have been placed, and if the offerings are such as to justify making a sale of the bonds, the Gaslin ditch will be completed at an early date.

Four-strand Cowboy rope 12 1-2 cents a pound at The Wilcox Dept. Store.

A peace warrant was issued on complaint of Joe Richards against Chas. Bennett a few days ago and placed in the hands of Sheriff Miller for service. Bennett learned of this and on Wednesday appeared before Judge Ray who, upon request of the county attorney dismissed the case, Richards settling the costs. Bennett is said to be the deputy sheriff of Hayes county, and is familiarly known as "bogus" Charley.

The Bryan free silver club will hold a meeting at the court house to-morrow evening for the purpose of considering "reform" measures in municipal affairs. If the free silver people are not more successful in carrying out reforms than the populists have been, the city will probably not be turned up side down. Lincoln county has been under populist rule for three years, and if there have been any reforms for good, we have failed to notice them; while on the other hand there has been a steady increase in the floating indebtedness of the county. There are reformers, but they are not members of the Lincoln county sixteen-to-one aggregation.

Milton Doolittle returned last night from his business trip to Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Letts left for a two weeks' visit with relatives in Iowa, this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coker, of Sutherland, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Peale for several days.

Mrs. Philip McKim and daughter, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Langdon, returned to Norfolk yesterday.

Dr. W. A. DeBerry, DENTIST, First Nat'l Bank Bld'g.

The Eunice Goodrich company play to a slim audience at the opera house Tuesday, but the general opinion is that the size of the audience was commensurate with the quality of the performance.

The members of the Christian Endeavor society and their friends are anticipating a nice time at the valentine social to be held at the Hine residence tomorrow evening. There will be no charge.

A petition asking the legislature to pass a bill appropriating ten thousand dollars to the Nebraska Irrigation Fair is being circulated and is receiving many signatures. Similar petitions will be circulated in other western Nebraska towns. It is a good thing; push it along.

A girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Senter on Monday morning.

J. A. Goodman returned yesterday morning from a business trip to Denver.

Ida and Jimmie Carter left yesterday for Gainesville, Texas, where they will make their home with relatives.

Hame straps 10 cents each at the Wilcox Dept. Store.

The counters and shelving in Davis' hardware store are being improved in appearance at the hands of painter Hammond.

The Bachelor Maids will meet at the guild house on Monday evening next. A very interesting programme has been prepared for this session.

A team of horses which had become detached from a wagon, madly dashed down Spruce street yesterday at noon, clearing the thoroughfare of pedestrians in a hurried manner.

J. B. Curtis, of Portland, Me., who manufactures much of the gum masticated by the sweet girls of North Platte, was in town Wednesday. Mr. Curtis is in Nebraska looking after his large real estate interests.

The Second ward hose company held its annual election Wednesday evening, and selected the following officers: Foreman W. E. Price, first assistant W. E. Rowland, second assistant M. Dickenson, secretary A. B. Hoagland.

Register Hinman reports that a considerable number of homestead applications have been made during the past week. There still remains in this land district thousands of acres of tillable land which is open to settlement.

For rent or sale—Land under the Farmer's & Merchants' ditch. Apply to D. W. BAKER.

Fred Letts has a desire to live under his own vine and fig tree, and is figuring on purchasing the Will Dolson property on west Front street. Mr. Dolson will soon remove to the property he recently purchased on west Sixth street.

New and second-hand wagons for sale. JOS. HERSHEY.

W. C. Reynolds anticipates making a trip soon to his former home in Danville, Ill. Mr. Reynolds has been indisposed for a couple of weeks and, he thinks a month spent among the scenes of his boyhood will result beneficially.

Sam VanDoran of North Platte is doing some mason work on the Hershey ranch this week. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Struthers, formerly of North Platte, but now of Sidney, and well and favorably known to many in the valley, are the happy parents of a new daughter born Saturday. Congratulations are now in order.—Hershey Review.

In speaking of the Arion Quartette, which appears at Lloyd's opera house this evening under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., Rev. W. T. Davidson, field secretary of the C. L. S. C. says: "The Arion Lady Quartette of Chicago is beyond any question the finest lady quartette in America. I have heard the best of them, and weigh my words in making the statement. Their work is simply above criticism."

WANTED—1,000 bushels of wheat for seed and 1,000 bushels of oats for seed. Will pay 5 cents above the market price if turned in on accounts or in trade.

Harrington & Tobin.

I. A. Fort, of this city, has been invited to appear before the legislative committee on beet sugar factories at Lincoln on Tuesday of next week. Mr. Fort will probably address the committee on the subject of co-operation, a question which he has given much study.

Engineer Frank Tracy is confined to the house suffering from a badly scalded face, the result of an unfortunate accident at Ogalalla early Wednesday morning. Mr. Tracy was oiling the engine and while in the act of mounting the foot-board, the fireman opened the injector to which was attached a small rubber discharge hose. This hose was lying in such a position that the discharge of steam and hot water struck Mr. Tracy full in the face. The attending physician, Dr. McCabe, thinks Mr. Tracy's eyes will not be seriously effected, although his face is badly scalded. The friends of the unfortunate man hope that he may speedily recover.

Sweat Pads 20 cents each at the Wilcox Dept. Store.

J. S. Hoagland reached the half century mark Wednesday and in the evening nearly fifty couples of his friends gave him a surprise party. The event was a complete surprise to the Judge, but he lost no time in bidding the guests a hearty welcome, and assisted by the members of his family entertained all in manner that made the evening pass very pleasantly. High five and other card games were played, following which refreshments, provided by the invaders, were served. This evidence of esteem in which the Judge is held, was fully appreciated by him and he therefore enjoyed the occasion fully as much as the guests, who upon retiring wished him many happy returns of the day.

You would call a man A FOOL if you saw him throwing his money away. You can avoid living in a glass house while throwing stones at the other party by trading with us. We Sell Thread, 3 spools for 10c, a saving of 25 per cent. Elastic cord, 1c per yd, " " " 150 " " 6 slate pencils for 1c, " " " 100 " " Vaseline, 5c a bottle, " " " 100 " " Sewing machine oil 5c, " " " 100 " " Liquid stove polish 10c, " " " 50 " " Breast snaps, 5c each, " " " 50 " " Line snaps 2c and 3c, " " " 66 " " Swivel snaps 5 cents, " " " 50 " " Queen City hats \$2.00, " " " 25 " " 7-inch Plates 35c a set, " " " 44 " " Overalls, 65 cents, " " " 15 " " (the ones others get 75 cents for.) Handled tea cups and saucers 42 cents a set, a saving of 29 per cent. These are just a few of the many items we can save you money on. The Wilcox Dept Store, NORTH PLATTE, NEB.

Gus Norton is improving his premises in the south part town by erecting a nice stable.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hamer, of Buchanan, have been the guests of North Platte friends this week.

Smoke Wright's Royal Sports and Havana Rose 5-cent cigar.

Sheriff Miller returned yesterday from the south part of the county, where he had been for several days on official business.

The office occupied by County Surveyor Meyer at the court house has been papered and otherwise improved in appearance.

The room formerly occupied by Pearl Armbus has been leased by a gentleman who will put in a stock of confectionery and run a shooting gallery in connection therewith.

The room and library committee of the Y. M. C. A. is requested to meet at the rooms at eight o'clock Saturday evening for the purpose of organizing and planning for future work. F. E. BULLARD, Pres't.

Dr. N. McCabe will deliver his lecture at the Y. M. C. A. rooms next Sunday afternoon at 4:15. This is the lecture which was postponed two weeks ago on account of the Doctor's illness. Every man in the city should hear him.

The Wilcox Dept. Store will order barb wire delivered at North Platte at \$2 65 a hundred.

W. S. Ross, of Myrtle, transacted business in town yesterday and swapped a few stories with some of his acquaintances. He says everything is in pretty fair shape in the north part of the county.

Y. M. C. A. COMMITTEES. The following persons have been appointed by the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. to serve on the various committees during the year 1897: Devotional—A. F. Parsons, Geo. A. McMichael, Wm. E. Wright, W. J. Cruse.

Rooms and Library—M. K. Barnum, Fred Elliot Jr., H. C. Bickensderfer, J. S. Hineckley, Chas. P. Ross, J. C. Orr, I. L. Bare, Chas. Brown, W. E. Donehower, W. V. Hoagland.

Finance—B. L. Robinson, H. V. Hilliker, C. F. Scharmann.

Entertainment—C. L. Adams, W. A. Moran, W. A. DeBerry, F. T. Redmond, F. L. Mooney.

Membership—J. L. Minor, W. T. McGlone, L. E. Woods, W. J. Hendy, D. A. Russel, Geo. Dowlin, J. M. Sullivan, Fred Hartman, G. F. McGinn, J. F. Jacobson, Jas. Dorrain.

DENTISTRY. Dr. Allwine will be at the Nebraska House, Monday, Feb. 22, to remain a few days or a week, prepared for all lines of dental work. He will have a great assortment of fine teeth for plate-work. Come early.

Advertised Letters. List of letters remaining uncalled for in the post office at North Platte, Neb., for the week ending February 12, 1897. GENTLEMEN. Carnell, Thomas J. Moore, H. O. Ford, E. A. Rafferty, Timothy Rusel, H. C. LADIES. Anderson, Mrs. Wm. Page, Julia Wilson, Mrs. Edward

Persons calling for above will please say advertised." M. W. CLARK, Postmaster.

TESTING A WATCH.

How English Timepieces Are Tried as to Their Regularity.

There has been watchmaking at Coventry as long as there has been a watch trade in England, which is for the last 200 years or thereabout. There used to be three centers of the English trade, these being Liverpool, Coventry and London. Now there are practically but two—Coventry and Birmingham. The test of a good watch is that it should obtain a Kew certificate, and of the watches that go to Kew 75 per cent are from Coventry.

At Kew no watch has yet succeeded in getting the 100 marks which signify perfection, but Coventry has come nearest, with 92, and is always well to the front. The Kew test is no light one. The watch is tested in every position and its rate registered, not only per day, but per hour. It is hung by its pendant, hung upside down, hung on each side, placed dial down and back down and at any number of angles, and to finish up with is baked in an oven and frozen in an ice pail. No wonder that a watch with a Kew certificate is a comfort to its owner.

When it is considered that it makes 18,000 vibrations an hour and must not vary a second a week, while a quarter turn of its two tiny screws, meaning the millionth of an inch, will make a difference of 20 seconds a day, the delicacy of its adjustment will be appreciated, as will also the risk of intrusting its repair to any but skillful hands.—Jewelers' Review.

Fishing For Tuna, Santa Clara.

The fish ranged from 4 to 6 feet in length and from 75 to 300 pounds in weight, judging from their size. Like walves they had rushed in from the deep sea and were moving down the coast, stampeding a school of smelts and flying fish and driving them out of the water, snapping at them and following them up into the air. Moving on, we found the school of unfortunate, a brownish patch of solid fish in the water, into which the tunas were charging.

I have fished in the haunts of the tarpon and taken almost every game fish to be found in American waters, but from this exhibition of the velocity and wonderful power of the tuna I did not believe it could be captured with a 24 ounce rod or a tarpon outfit. We baited with large smelt and began striking through the school. I soon had a troll, and, while not unused to surprises, I lost 300 feet of line and the tip of my rod so quickly that I hardly realized what had happened. My companion had his fine rod jerked from his hands, and I believe the fish was of the largest size, which nothing could stop.—Sportsman's Magazine.

Snake Dreams.

A well known authority on dreams and dreambooks says: "To dream you see snakes or serpents shows that you will be imprisoned and encounter many dangers. If you are in love, your sweetheart will be false. To dream you kill a snake shows you will overcome difficulties and enemies and be successful in love, trade or farming, but unsuccessful at sea."

The Proposal of the Future.

She—Perfectly lovely club, isn't it? He—Are you a member? She—No. Only married women are eligible. He—Ah, would you allow me to make you eligible to membership?—London Echo.

What a Prominent Insurance Man Says.

H. M. Blossom, senior member of H. M. Blossom & Co., 217 N. 3d St., St. Louis, writes: I had been left with a very distressing cough, the result of influenza, which nothing seemed to relieve, until I took Ballard's Horehound Syrup. One bottle completely cured me. I sent one bottle to my sister who had a severe cough, and she found immediate relief. I always recommend this syrup to my friends. John Cranston 908 Hampshire Street Quincy, Ill., writes: I have found Ballard's Horehound Syrup superior to any other cough medicine I have ever known. It never disappoints. Price 25c and 50c. Sold by The North Platte Pharmacy, J. E. Bush, Mgr.