

**BIG ATTENDANCE AT THE MASQUERADE DANCE**

The second annual masquerade of the Yeoman drill team was held Friday evening at the Lloyd opera house, the capacity of which was taxed by the number of dancers and spectators. Stamp's orchestra furnished an enjoyable program and the masquers made merry until eleven o'clock when the prizes were awarded and the signal given to unmask. Clowns, darkies, flower girls and butterflies were noticed among the costumes. Mrs. W. J. Landgraf and Charles Thornburg were awarded the prize for the comic country couple. Miss Ruth Decker was considered the prettiest Japanese girl; Roy Lamm as a farmer took first comic gentleman's prize and Miss Fern Wilson as Sis Hopkins took the ladies' comic prize. Judges were A. J. Salisbury, Arch Deacon Bowker and E. H. Dickey. About two hundred dollars were paid at the door and this amount will be added to the thirteen hundred dollars in the treasury to be used in defraying the expenses of the team to the national conclave in June and to provide new uniforms. The drill team was awarded a prize at the conclave in Des Moines two years ago for their appearance and drill work.

**Government Road Policy.**

In answer to an inquiry from State Engineer Johnson the secretary of agriculture has written Mr. Johnson as follows:

"Federal aid money may be used in the construction of well-graded and drained earth roads that are substantial in character, with permanent bridges and culverts, provided that in each case they adequately meet the traffic needs.

"This department would have no objection to the distribution of federal funds in your state among the counties on the basis you outline, namely, that they will be applied to the construction of nineteen projects during the five year period, these projects, when completed, to form a continuous system of roads and each project to be completed in a continuous manner."

These answers are said to completely satisfy many Nebraskans who were in doubt as to the policy of the federal government. The present legislature is to deal with the question of raising state funds to meet the government's conditional appropriation of money for public road building.

**Scores of Local Marksmen.**

The Sunday Bee published a list of the averages made by prominent marksmen during the year 1916. Appearing in the list are several North Platte men. M. F. Hosler shot at 1870 targets, broke 1694 and made an average of .9058 per cent; Keith Neville shot at 450 targets, broke 359 and made a percentage of .7977; Ralph Starkey busted away at 2145 targets, broke 1959 with a percentage of .9232; Geo. Winkowitch went up against 1330 targets, broke 1024 and had a percentage .7699.

C. C. Tappan, the sandhill shooter, living in Logan county lead all others, his percentage being .9449.

**Card of Thanks.**

We express our sincere thanks to neighbors and friends and to members of the I. O. O. F., M. W. A., A. O. U. W., W. and Moose lodges for their kindness following the death of the late Herman Kosbau and son Harry, and for the beautiful floral offerings.

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**MRS. CASTLE INTRODUCED TO NORTH PLATTE AUDIENCE**

Mrs. Vernon Castle, famed as a society dancer, made her introductory bow to North Platte, people at the Keith Friday evening to a crowded house. Not in person did Mrs. Castle appear, but in the opening episode of the photo play serial of "Patria," in which she so successfully appears in the stellar and title role. This story, which will run for fifteen weeks, with two reels at each showing, opened with thrilling situations that were intensely interesting, and promises to both develop and unravel war time secrets and plots not altogether improbable in the United States.

As the star of the production Mrs. Castle showed up strong in the opening episode and her support is splendid. The production of this play will undoubtedly pack the Keith each Friday evening.

**CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.**

For Sale—Several good Poland China Bours. Inquire of W. W. Birge.

Mrs. F. J. Wurtie returned Saturday evening from Denver where she visited for a week.

Mrs. M. V. Mitchell left the latter part of last week for a visit with friends in Lexington and Kearney.

Miss Goldie Wells, of Lexington, is expected here this week to visit her brother Harry Wells for a short time.

Mrs. John Ginappe, of Brady, who visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oulmste, returned home Saturday evening.

E. A. Garlich left Saturday evening for Willow Springs Mo., to locate on a farm there. Mrs. Garlich will leave next week.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Baldwin arrived here Saturday evening from South Omaha to visit at the Baldwin and Diener homes.

Mrs. George Shindle, of Cheyenne, who had been visiting Mrs. Millard Hoiler for several weeks, went to Omaha the latter part of last week.

The Lutheran aid society will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Bretzer, 707 west Ninth street. A large attendance is desired.

By all means when in need of anything in the silk line suitable for waists, skirts, dresses or trimming you will find it and the newest at The Leader Mercantile Co.'s.

If the party who made the raid on Mrs. Edward Rebhausen's chicken coop Sunday evening will return and take the remaining bantams it will save her buying feed for them.

"So far as I know," said Bill Ross Saturday, "everybody in the north part of the county is happy and contented. President Wilson has kept us out of war and Sheriff Salisbury has kept us out of jail. What more could we ask?"

The World Herald of Saturday published a notice stating that Tyrone Keegan had filed suit for divorce from Raymond Keegan at Fremont on the grounds of desertion. Both were former residents here and Mrs. Keegan was Miss Tyrone Winkeleman. She asks for alimony and the custody of the infant child.

Chas. E. Hoffine, a former clerk in the district foreman's office and who was transferred to Cheyenne ten years ago, left the latter place Sunday to accept apointment in the stockmen's National Bank at Casper, Wyo. For a couple of years past Mr. Hoffine has been chief accountant in the master mechanic's office in Cheyenne.

**Card of Thanks.**

To the friends and neighbors who gave us their assistance so generously during the sickness and following the death of our son, we extend our heartfelt thanks. The help of these kind friends and neighbors came at a time when it could not have been more appreciated. Thanks are also extended for the floral tributes.

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**RAILROAD NOTES**

Engineer George Winkowitch has gone to Excelsior Springs, Mo., to remain for two weeks.

J. Walter Adams went to Omaha Friday afternoon to visit with his wife and sons for several days.

Alex Fenwick left Friday morning for Cheyenne to visit with his daughter Mrs. Hillard Ridgely.

Engineer Kirke Sturdevant who was transferred to Pocatiello several months ago, returned here Friday.

Engineer Watkins is expected home today from Excelsior Springs where he has been staying for some time.

C. S. Sawyer, Jr., came down from Cheyenne last week to visit his parents and take an examination for conductor.

A. D. Skimmerhorn, of Omaha, superintendent of the Union Pacific B. & B. department, spent the latter part of last week here on business.

Harry Lowell, who has been on duty as passenger brakeman for some time on account of illness, left Sunday evening for Kansas City to visit for several weeks.

Switch engineer Harry Hart had a leg scalded and received a bad scalp wound early Sunday morning when two switch engines side swiped each other in the yards. Both engines were running very slowly at the time.

Union Pacific surveyors are now at Burns making the survey for the double track that will be constructed this summer from Archer to a point two miles east of Pine Bluffs. This will complete the double track from North Platte to Cheyenne.

**Ancient Chinese Ingenuity.**

We are assured that the taxicab is no new thing, being in its general principles a thing known to the ancient Romans. But now an orientalist goes even further and asserts that mechanical carts capable of registering distances traveled by counting and recording the revolutions of very large cartwheels, connected by cogs with other concentric or eccentric horizontal and perpendicular wheels of proportionate diameters, have been well known to the Chinese for 1,700 or 1,800 years. On the top of the cart was the figure of a man holding a drum, which he beat when one il, a third of a mile, was traveled. Some carts had in addition a figure holding a cymbal, which was struck when the drum had been beaten ten times.

**Painful Accident.**

Last Saturday afternoon while working with a tractor in engine, Chas. Stark accidentally got his right arm caught in a wheel. The motion of the machine twisted and pulled the arm almost in twain at the elbow. There was a complete severance of nerves and blood vessels, and separation of the bones at the joint. Dr. Vandiver is treating the patient, who is resting well under the circumstances.—Ogallala Tribune.

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**Just an Accident.**

Two boys had indulged in a physical encounter on the playground. At the end of the fray they were summoned before the teacher to give an account of their misdeeds. One of them had a bloody nose. The teacher looked upon this sanguinary feature with horror and endeavored to instill in its inflictor certain pacific principles.

"Now, Billy," she said, "I think you ought to apologize to Jimmie."  
 "Huh! I ain't a-goin' to apologize for no accident!" Billy answered.

"Accident? Why, Billy, how can you call it an accident? Didn't you intend to hit Jimmie on the nose?"  
 "No, mom, I didn't. I swung fer his eye an' missed!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Settling a Bill.**

When Andrew Jackson lived at Salisbury, N. C., he once attended court at Rockford, then the county seat of Surry, and left without paying his bill, which was duly charged up against him on the hotel register, which seems to have been the hotel ledger at that time, and so stood for many years. When the news of the victory of the 8th of January, 1815, was received in this then remote section the old landlord turned back the leaves of the register, took his pen and wrote under the account against Andrew Jackson, "Settled in full by the battle of New Orleans."

**Pills to Prevent Earthquakes.**

"I remember," says Addison in the two hundred and fortieth Tatler, "when our whole island was shaken with an earthquake some years ago there was an impudent mountebank who sold pills which, as he told the country people, were 'very good against an earthquake.'"—London Saturday Review.

**Head Work.**

"Maria, you'll never be able to drive that nail with a flatiron. For heaven's sake, use your head!" admonished Mr. Stubbins.

And then he wondered why she would not speak to him the rest of the day.—Puck.

**Johnny's Reasoning.**

Sunday School Teacher—What is conscience, Tommy? Tommy—An inward monitor. Sunday School Teacher—And what is a monitor, Johnny? Johnny—An ironclad boat.—Chicago News.

**Their Charges.**

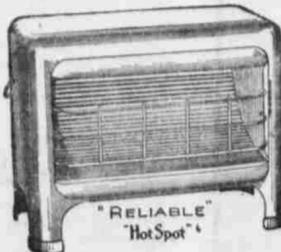
Lady—I want to sue my husband for divorce. Lawyer—What are your charges? Lady—What are yours first?—Boston Transcript.

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