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IN MEMORY OF EMMET

The Emmet Literary Association Observes the Birthday of the Great Irishman With an Appropriate Program.

ELOQUENCE AND MUSIC GALORE

At the Banquet Board the Eloquence and Wit of the Various Speakers Held the Banqueters Until Morning.

The evening of March 4, 1903, will long live green in the memory of those who attended the annual entertainment given by the Robert Emmet Literary Association, at the opera house last night. The talent and beauty of the city were in attendance and the thunderous applause, that followed each song, recitation, musical selection or speaker testified more than mere words of ours could the appreciation accorded the various performers by their audience. It was a great event and one worthy of one of the green old isle's most illustrious martyrs, Robert Emmet.

Col. Neil Brennan, than whom no more patriotic or loyal Irishman ever trod America's free soil, was master of ceremonies and performed that duty in his usual happy and able manner and by his wit and apt sayings, throughout the entertainment, caused many a smile to illumine the visages of the audience.

The Colonel called the meeting to order and after an eloquent address during which he pictured Ireland as it would be when the green flag could proudly float over an independent nation, as only one could who was thoroughly familiar with the subject matter in hand, concluded his remarks in a peroration that sparkled with earnestness and native wit and in the name of the Emmet Literary Association, bid the assembled guests *Cead Millí Fáilte* and introduced Prof. Bernard McGreevy and his Irish Orchestra.

McGreevy's Orchestra is composed of Mr. McGreevy and his four children, John, Maggie, Barney and Willie. Mr. McGreevy plays violin; Maggie, piano; John, clarinet; Barney, saxophone; Willie, flute. This organization has been playing at like entertainments the past five or six years, but we do not believe many of the audience recognized that the musical ability of this family was of such a high order until they heard them render with such artistic taste and soothing harmony the most difficult compositions of the best composers. The "Rose of Erin" was the first selection and its rendition fairly brought down the house and added new laurels to those already worn by the organization. Mr. McGreevy has just reason to be proud of his orchestra and so are the citizens of O'Neill.

The high school quartette then sang the Star Spangled Banner, the rendition of which was received with joyous acclaim by the enthusiastic and patriotic audience.

The last speech of Robert Emmet, delivered by the martyred hero while standing in the dock awaiting the sentence of death, and considered one of the most eloquent orations ever delivered, was rendered by Prof. Owens, who received the congratulation of his friends, at the conclusion of the address, upon the ability displayed in handling such a difficult oration.

Miss Tess O'Sullivan next delighted the audience with a vocal solo at the conclusion of which this popular singer was compelled to respond to an encore which equally delighted the audience.

One of the most difficult pieces rendered at the entertainment was the recitation "Shamus O'Brien," but in John Sullivan was found a young man possessing the necessary dramatic ability to deliver it so as to bring out its full dramatic force and effect. John is a bright young man possessing the necessary talent to make an orator and is apparently as much at home on the platform as one who had spent years in that vocation.

One of O'Neill's most popular singers, who has not been heard in public the past two years, Mrs. Kathryn Stout, was next upon the program and rendered a beautiful Irish love song that enraptured her audience. The applause received by the gifted singer required another selection to quiet, which was given at the conclusion of which the audience again attested their appreciation of her ability.

The McGreevy Orchestra then en-

livened the entertainment with a descriptive Irish overture. It was splendid, the imitation of the bagpipes being considered by musical critics to have been perfect.

Miss Nellie Brennan then delivered a vocal solo entitled, "When Ireland Becomes a Nation," and the unstinted applause accorded her was conclusive evidence that her song touched a sympathetic cord in the hearts of her auditors and was highly gratifying to them.

A pleasing love song that amused and delighted the audience was sung by Miss Agnes Hagerty. Before the last notes of the first verse died away she had her audience enraptured and at the conclusion of the piece in response to repeated calls sang another song that was received with equal delight by the audience.

The "Rising of the Moon" a recitation descriptive of the rising of '98 was delivered by Miss Anna Dwyer. It was a difficult piece but was handled by Miss Dwyer with the ability, ease and grace of an accomplished thespian.

No musical entertainment in this city is complete without the assistance of the Misses Rose and Nellie O'Fallon and last evening to the delight and gratification of the Emmetts' and their guests they rendered the pleasing and pathetic solo-duet entitled, "Will My Soul Pass Through Old Ireland," in such an able and artistic manner as to add new flowers to the laurel wreaths of success already won by these popular young ladies at similar entertainments.

John Sullivan who had already captured the audience by his dramatic ability shown in the rendition of "Shamus O'Brien" won new laurels as a vocalist when he sang "My Wild Irish Rose." At the conclusion of which he was warmly applauded.

The next number on the program was the address of the evening by Hon. Thomas J. Lee, a prominent young Irish attorney of Omaha. Mr. Lee is a polished speaker possessing strong convictions upon the Irish question and with a faculty of expressing them in good, clear English. He is perfectly at home on the platform and the few amusing stories told during the course of his address kept his audience in the best of humor throughout.

The Irish Orchestra then enlivened the occasion with another Irish overture after which Col. Brennan introduced Wes Evans of the Evans hotel who had a sumptuous repast prepared to which the hosts and the guests were soon doing ample justice.

After the wants of the "inner man" had been appeased Toastmaster Brennan announced that the program had only started and called upon Judge Harrington to respond to the toast, "Irishmen in America."

The speaker delivered an extended address replete with information concerning the doings of the men of the Emerald Isle and their descendants in this country. Going back to colonial days he showed that two of those who came in the Mayflower were Irishmen. When the colonies were struggling to overthrow the tyrannical yoke of English oppression one-half the members of the colonial army were Irishmen. "This," the speaker continued, "may be news to many but historians vouch for its veracity." Coming on down to the dark days of the rebellion the speaker pointed to the heroic acts and deeds of Irishmen which clearly demonstrated that in every walk of life Irishmen and their descendants were among the foremost in the land. At the conclusion of his able and very historical address the judge was loudly applauded.

"The Anglo-Saxon" was the toast responded to by T. V. Golden. Mr. Golden was at his best and as the pure English and well rounded periods fell from his lips the audience displayed their appreciation by liberal applause. Mr. Golden said that he hunted the authorities through to find the name of some Anglo-Saxon who had gained distinction as a diplomat, a warrior or a man of letters but could find but very few. Of the many men in the British army who have won the victories for the Union Jack, he declared that with the exception of Lord Nelson they were all Irish. "When an Irishman achieves fame" the speaker declared, "the news papers herald him as an Anglo-Saxon but should one commit a crime and go to jail they are all careful to say he is an Irishman." At the conclusion of his address he was warmly applauded.

James A. Donahoe was called upon to respond to the toast "Daniel O'Connell." Mr. Donahoe said that as the hour was late he would not enter into an extended address upon the character of one of Ireland's most beloved sons, but delivered with the dramatic ability and oratorical excellence which he possesses the beautiful lines written by another great Irishman, John Boyle O'Reilly, upon O'Connell. It was a masterly effort and was roundly applauded.

The last number upon the program was a response to the toast the "Celt" by E. H. Whelan. Mr. Whelan is par excellence the orator of

this portion of Nebraska and when he arose to respond to the toast the audience expected something good and they were not disappointed. In his address last night Mr. Whelan eclipsed all former efforts. A master of English with a vocabulary practically unlimited he had his auditors spellbound with his eloquence as he traced the movement of the Celt from medieval times to the present day and demonstrated that as Irishmen they should be proud of their race. He closed his brilliant address with an eloquent peroration in which the speaker pledged himself for old Tipperary, the land of his nativity, to be united for the common cause when the great day came for Ireland's freedom. The speaker was loudly applauded and congratulated upon his masterly efforts.

At the conclusion of Mr. Whelan's address the toastmaster called upon Judge Gillispie who responded with a few impromptu remarks and by his eloquence and earnestness fairly carried the audience off its feet. The Judge's effort was the spontaneous outburst of a heart that had become mellowed reading of the suffering and hardships of a people struggling years for their independence, and was one of the masterly efforts of the evening. That in his remarks he struck responsive chords in the hearts of the audience was evidenced by the tremendous applause received at the conclusion of his address.

Taken all through the evening was a very enjoyable one and one long to be remembered and the Emmets are elated at the success of the entertainment.

Commissioners Meet.

O'Neill, Neb., Feb., 24 1903.

Board called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. Present Biglin, Grimes, Howard, Keefe, Moler, Simar and Chairman Phillips.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

The board then went into a committee of the whole with W. P. Simar in the chair, for the purpose of continuing settlement.

Committee arose at 6 o'clock p. m. at which time the board adjourned until Wednesday morning, Feb. 25, 1903, at 9 o'clock a. m.

E. S. Gilmour, F. W. Phillips, Clerk. Chairman.

O'Neill, Neb., Feb. 25th, 1903.

Board called to order at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present Biglin, Grimes, Howard, Keefe, Moler, Simar and Chairman Phillips.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

Board then went into committee of the whole with W. P. Simar in the chair, for the purpose of continuing settlement.

Committee arose at five o'clock p. m. at which time the board adjourned until Feb. 26th, 1903, at 9 o'clock.

E. S. Gilmour, F. W. Phillips, Clerk. Chairman.

O'Neill, Neb., Feb. 26, 1903.

Board called to order at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present Biglin, Grimes, Howard, Keefe, Moler, Simar and Chairman Phillips.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

Board then went into committee of the whole with W. P. Simar in the chair, for the purpose of continuing settlement.

Committee arose at 5 o'clock p. m. at which time the board adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., Feb. 27, 1903.

E. S. Gilmour, F. W. Phillips, Clerk. Chairman.

O'Neill, Neb., Feb. 27, 1903.

Board called to order at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present Biglin, Grimes, Howard, Keefe, Moler and Simar.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

Board then went into committee of the whole with W. P. Simar in the chair, for the purpose of continuing settlement.

Committee arose at 12 o'clock at which time the board adjourned until 1 o'clock p. m.

1 o'clock p. m.

Board called to order. All present.

The following report was read:

Mr. Chairman—we, your committee on settlement with Clerk of the District Court beg leave submit the following report:

Fees earned as follows:

154 certificates	\$ 38.75
Insanity cases	48.00
Drawing jury	1.00
Impaneling jury	.50
Certificate to supervisors	3.00
Special Venire	1.00
Election account	100.36
State cases	53.79
County cases	567.69
County cases cash	663.93
Postage and expenses	54.10
Collection on book	1,479.35
Total fees earned and expenses	\$3,011.41

Cash received,

Trial fees	\$ 222.00
Lis Pendes	61.00
Collections on book	1,479.35
Collection on county cases	663.93
Fees charged county and since collected	124.69
Excess	67.31
Total,	\$3,011.41

Salary account.

Clerks salary	\$1,600.00
Deputy salary	700.00
Deputy clerk	600.00
Total,	2,900.00
Postage	54.10
Excess	57.31
Total,	\$3,011.41

Signed, W. P. Simar, Chairman.

On motion the report was accepted

and orders spread upon therecords.

The following report was read:

Mr. Chairman—Your committee on settlement with the County Treasurer D. J. Cronin beg leave to submit the following report.

Receipts.

Cash on hand	\$62,629.54
Total tax collected	162,249.47
School land principal collections	4,0324.00
School land interest collections	885.83
School land lease collections	6,369.12
School land costs of notices	20.00
University land principal collections	304.00
University land interest collections	471.36
University land lease collections	1,343.19
University land cost of notices	1.50
State apportionment	9,331.45
Miscellaneous collections	1,776.32
county general school district	290.46
Fines and licenses	182.00
Interest on deposits	2,103.44
Redemption	12,164.54
Fees	4,400.10
Grand total	\$267,555.39

Disbursements.

State treasurers receipts	\$0,229.26
Commissions on state money	439.46
Commissions on University and school land collections	183.15
County general warrants paid	28,968.42
County bridge warrants paid	11,541.84
County advertising paid	153.78
Soldiers relief paid	723.31
County bonds paid	3,471.60
Court house bonds paid	2,048.73
Township R. R. bonds paid	2,930.14
City R. R. bonds paid	1,309.35
School bonds and coupons paid	4,364.26
School orders paid local tax	48,668.92
School orders paid state apportionment	9,087.00
Poll receipts cancelled	4,719.27
Amount paid township treasurers	11,771.81
Amount paid city treasurer	2,611.83
Redemption certificates paid	12,385.89
Salaries paid	4,400.18
Sidewalk tax paid to city treasurer	3.36
County judgments paid	538.96
Indorsed on township judgments	113.35
Indorsed on city judgments	22.68
Irrigation money paid treasurer	212.14
Water pond paid city treasurer	832.96
County school disbursement	.44
County roads disbursements	7.78
Grand total,	\$181,945.41

Balanced shown by General Fund.

Consolidated state	3,344.79
County general	5,408.36
County bridge	721.13
County soldiers relief	437.53
County judgment	2,402.71
County school	132.11
County fundings	515.26
Labor tax	1,615.62
Water bonds	377.89
District school	30,341.75
District school bond	15,159.77
Special school	4,124.20
Township fund	8,871.20
City judgments	196.21
Village	599.43
Center precinct and court house bonds	123.76
O'Neill railroad	885.10
Irrigation	446.96
Gratten railroad	550.31
Gratten judgment	9.27
Sidewalk	210.76
Advertising	2,759.26
County roads	323.23
Reemption fund	1,105.09
State apportionment	3,219.12
Orders of the county board	24.47
University land	551.94
School land	1,115.65
Actual balance	\$85,608.98

Amount on Hand as per Bank State-Statements.

First National bank O'Neill	\$14,690.39
O'Neill National bank	14,776.44
Ewing State bank	3,065.67
Elkhorn Valley bank	9,348.80
Inman State bank	2,044.00
Citizens bank, Stuart	5,976.24
Stuart State bank	5,098.75
Farmers bank, Page	4,445.06

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Gallagher & Co., Atkinson	3,627.60
Atkinson State bank	2,055.80
Chambers State bank	3,062.18
Warrants held in Trust	16,370.79
Cash in office	1,187.26
Total,	\$85,608.99

The following warrants have been registered and are unpaid:

County general fund	\$8,696.11
County bridge fund	1,922.35
Total,	\$10,630.46

Signed, W. P. Simar, chairman.

On motion the report was accepted and ordered spread upon the records.

The following report was read:

Mr. Chairman—We, your committee on taxes beg leave to submit the following report in regard to the petition of G. W. Wattles as follows:

Lots 3 and 4, block 14, O'Neill for 1898	\$1.56
Lot 8, block 9, O'Neill, for 1901	.93
Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, block 14, O'Neill, 1901	5.89
Lot 13, block 15, O'Neill, 1901	.73
Total,	\$8.91

We recommend that he be refunded \$8.91 on account of their not owning

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sold property and paid on same through error.

Signed, John Moler, Chairman.

On motion the report was accepted and clerk ordered to draw a refund warrant for \$8.91 in favor of G. W. Wattles.