

# VERY SUCCESSFUL PLAY

## "Her Majesty's Guardsmen" Attracts a Crowded House.

Mr. Willard and Local Talent Do Some Splendid Work and They Receive the Merited Applause of An Appreciative Audience—Other Happenings of Local Interest.

"Her Majesty's Guardsmen," as presented last evening by local talent, drew a very large and representative audience. Every one went prepared for a good entertainment and were not disappointed. The play abounded in realistic stage pictures and the parts were well taken. Mr. Willard was, of course, the star, around which the lesser lights revolved—his versatile talents being well displayed in the character of a military swell, which he assumed. Leo Atwood, a fellow Guardsman, made an excellent lover as well as soldier, and Dennis Hiatt, as a curate, made a tremendous hit—his clerical costume suiting his style of beauty to perfection, and his acting was inimitable. Mr. Coolidge acted the part of the heavy father and Mr. Magowan was a typical stage uncle, both of them being irresistibly funny and not all amateurish. The four ladies, Miss Dovey, Miss Hopping, Miss Clark and Miss Kauble made up a quartet of youth and beauty seldom seen on the stage. Their acting was far above the average—their adoration of the military gentlemen, and their final surrender; the fetching costume of Miss Hopping and the finished acting of Miss Dovey were all pleasing factors that went to make up the tout ensemble of this excellent farce comedy. The open air concert of the B. & M. band just before the doors opened was an enjoyable feature, as was the piano playing of Miss Cleome Thomas, which helped fill up the waits between acts.

The play will be presented again this evening, and should bring out a still larger audience than last evening, the object for which the play is given being so popular, combined with the fact that an evening's enjoyment is assured, will undoubtedly fill the opera house to its utmost capacity.

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Credentials of the New Members Filled and the Same Accepted.

The board of education met in regular session last evening at the court house, all members being present. As there was considerable work for the old board to attend to before adjourning, the new members filed their credentials which were accepted, and at the close of the meeting the old board adjourned and the new board organized. R. B. Windham was unanimously elected president, F. G. Fricke vice president and C. M. Butler secretary. Mr. Windham stated that he would have his appointments of committees ready for the next meeting. The new board then adjourned the meeting to Friday evening, when the matter of election of teachers, janitors, etc., will be decided.

The old board decided to postpone action upon the petition of the residents of Mercerville, relative to the closing of the Mercerville school and the transportation of the pupils to the central building, until the meeting in June, so that they might determine whether it would be possible to save a teacher by the change. Mr. Hilton, representing the petitioners, laid the matter clearly before the board and stated that he thought that if the board of education could save a teacher and the expense of fuel and janitor that they could afford to transport the pupils as desired.

The board decided to test the rolling partitions in the new high school building next Thursday morning as to the question of their being sound proof, by having some classes recite there. These partitions were said with the understanding that they were to be sound proof and were so represented by the agent. It would seem that they are not as represented, and after the test Thursday morning, if found unsuitable the board will return them and refuse to accept them. In that case the dedicatory exercises will be indefinitely postponed and permanent lath and plaster partitions will be immediately erected. The board considers that the large assembly room will answer the purpose for such exercises as will be given.

The board audited all bills on hand and ordered the secretary to draw a warrant to Mr. Larson for the balance due him on his contract less the price of the rolling partitions, and the architect having passed upon the building, the board accepted it. The board then adjourned, sine die, and the new organization, and will take up its regular work next Friday evening.

More New Members. About twenty members of the B. & M. band will be initiated into the mysteries of the Imperial Mystic Legion tomorrow night. The ladies of the order have made all necessary arrangements to serve a fine supper after the initiatory ceremonies are concluded. All members are urgently requested to be present.

### Notice.

To the People of Plattsmouth and Cass County: Save your money by buying your wall paper of the undersigned. I will save you 25 to 40 per cent. Compare my paper with any in town as to grade and price, and convince yourself. Call at corner of North Seventh and Locust streets, or drop me a card and I will bring sample books to your home for examination. ALLEN STULTZ, Plattsmouth telephone 158.

"Chalk Talk" at the Methodist church Thursday evening, May 10.

### NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

A. W. Atwood sells the best paint on earth.

The Presbyterian Aid society will meet at the church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Ice cream and ices furnished in any flavor or quantity by Miss Holloway when ordered.

A. W. Atwood has the largest stock of wall paper in the county from 5 cents per roll up.

Cigarmakers' union No. 276, will give a dance at the Sokol hall on the evening of May 12.

Have your suit cleaned and pressed. It will look like new. Hudecek & McElroy will be glad to do the work for you.

Herry R. Gering was a passenger this afternoon for Lincoln, where he went to attend a meeting of the state board of pharmacy.

The funeral of George Meisinger will occur tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, and interment will be made in the Cedar Creek cemetery.

A big, bouncing boy baby arrived at the home of Night Yardmaster Reynolds yesterday. Charley has been wearing a broad smile ever since.

Clayton Barber has rented the Polk property on North Sixth street and will move his family and household goods to the new home in a few days.

For Whooping Cough, Asthma, Bronchitis, or Consumption, no medicine equals Ballard's Horehound syrup. Price, 25 and 50 cts. F. G. Fricke & Co.

The Vienna bakery now has a bread wagon, and anyone wishing bread delivered at their homes can leave orders at the store or call up Nebraska telephone No. 216.

The Q. Z. society will hold an important business meeting at the home of Mrs. W. E. Elster tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at 4 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

A. P. Campbell left for Denver today, where he goes for his health. He has been troubled with dropsy for some time and hopes a change in altitude will prove beneficial.

Work on the foundations for the new opera house was commenced this morning, and, with favorable weather, the work will now be pushed to completion without unnecessary delay.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Fricke expect to leave Thursday for a visit at their old home in Northern Germany. They do not know how long they will be gone and may decide to visit the exposition at Paris before returning. The News wishes them a pleasant trip.

Bishop John H. Vincent of Portland, Ore., says: "I have seen many 'Chalk Talks,' but none that gave me more genuine enjoyment than the program presented by Charles E. Rosecrans of Boston. His caricatures were very amusing and the illustrations of the songs were charming."

A company has been organized in this city to handle Dr. Disbrow's remedy for inebriates and said company is to take immediate steps to push the work in this state and in Iowa. Dr. Disbrow's work in this city has been of such a character as to inspire the confidence of the entire community in the remedies.

J. G. Koch returned last evening from Chicago, after spending two weeks in that city and attending his sister's wedding. He reports a delightful time and, more than that, he had in his possession a fine picture of the wedding party and photos of two or three friends. He did not give the reporter any names, so the readers will have to see him for particulars.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMaken, Mrs. B. C. Kerr and Mrs. E. S. Barstow were passengers this morning for Beatrice, where they go to attend the department encampment of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. The session will open this afternoon and continue for three days. It is to be hoped that the local delegates will be successful in their efforts toward getting the next encampment for Plattsmouth.

Wescott & Son, who are always on the lookout for something to make their show windows attractive, have just received an imported figure, giving a life like representation of a Cuban soldier. This is the first time a figure of this kind has been exhibited in the city, and it is creating a great deal of interest. Undoubtedly, those who have seen it now have a much better idea of what a real Cuban looks like.

### RAILROAD NOTES AND PERSONALS

Superintendent of Motive Power D. Hawksworth was in Havelock today looking after company business.

Five hundred Mormons have commenced to trek from the valley of the Jordan in Utah to the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming. A large bunch of cattle, horses and sheep was recently started from Morgan City, and a week later the colonists began trekking over the mountains. The Mormons expect to be on the road about six weeks. They have been attracted to the Big Horn Basin by the building of the Burlington railroad there. Permission to build this railroad through the Crow Indian reservation was recently granted by the government. The branch will leave the Billings line at Toluca, Mont., and run in a southerly direction to Cody, Wyo., a distance of 110 miles.

### Home-seekers' Excursions

Via Burlington route April 17, May 1 and 15 and June 5 and 19. One fare for round trip plus \$2 to points in Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Nebraska, etc. See local ticket agent in regard to further particulars.

## KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

### A Lincoln Car-Inspector Meets With a Sad Death.

Had Evidently Been Struck While Walking Along on Top of a Refrigerator Car—Body Found in the Yards at Pacific Junction at an Early Hour This Morning.

About 5 o'clock this morning the engineer of a switch engine in the yards at Pacific Junction noticed the body of a man lying on top of an empty refrigerator car. He reported the matter to Agent Dyke, and upon examination it developed that the man was Paul Kovalter, a car inspector in the yards at Lincoln, and from all appearances he had been killed by lightning. He was lying face downward on the running board of the car, and in one hand he still grasped a small steel bar. A lantern was also lying by his side, partially covered by a gum coat which the dead man wore.

Shortly before 10 o'clock last night, after the "California orange" train had pulled out of the Lincoln yards, a hat was found by one of the yard men. It was recognized as the one worn by Kovalter, the car inspector, but a thorough search failed to locate the owner. A message of inquiry was forwarded to the conductor of the "orange" train, but he could not throw any light upon the mystery. The train pulled into Pacific Junction about 1 a. m. and stopped to set out a few employees. In the meantime Agent Dyke had been wired to make a thorough inspection of the train. The search, however, proved fruitless, as nothing was found on the wheels to indicate that the man had been run over.

It being dark at the time and the weather stormy, no one looked on top of the cars, where he was found early in the morning.

The mayor of the Junction and several other officials were immediately notified, and, after making mental calculations of the surroundings and the position in which the man was lying, the remains were removed to the yard house to await the arrival of the coroner from Hastings, Ia. There is no doubt but that Kovalter was struck by a bolt of lightning, as the hair on the eyebrows and one side of the head were singed, while a black streak was found on his face and neck. Over the front of his body, and extending to the tops of his rubber boots, the flesh was literally cooked. As rubber is considered a non-conductor, it is thought the bolt was confined to the body of the unfortunate man—at least no mark was made on the car.

A coroner's jury was impaneled, but upon request of Superintendent Big-nell of the Burlington, an inquest will not be held until a brother of the deceased can be summoned. The unfortunate man was unmarried and about 28 years of age. His home was in Lincoln.

Found a Floater. A young man named Perry Moore found a floater in the Platte river opposite Louisville yesterday morning. The body was that of a man about fifty years of age, five feet ten inches in height, blue eyes, sandy gray hair and whiskers, the latter about a week's growth, weight during life about 170 pounds. The man had evidently been a laborer.

The remains were placed in charge of City Marshal Spence of Louisville, and after Coroner W. H. Betz of Sarpy county had viewed them they were turned over to Undertaker Compt for interment.

There were no marks of violence about the body or limbs, but the back of the skull appeared to have sustained some injury as by a fall or a blow from some large flat surfaced instrument, and blood was still coming through the left ear and nostrils.

From all appearances the body must have been in the water less than a week, and, although considerably swollen, would not have been unrecognizable to one acquainted with the deceased. The clothing consisted of a blue black coat and vest, striped pants, black satin shirt, with fine white stripe underwear, light cotton, shoes and stockings missing.

In his pockets were found a small three-bladed knife, two cotton handkerchiefs—one a woman's—and \$2.04 tied up in a tobacco sack, one coarse comb in a case and one fine comb with the name "John F. Layson" scratched on surface. No papers were found, and his identification has not been established.

### Do You Have Fifty Cents?

If you have, will you tell you how to get the most for your money. The Semi-Weekly State Journal, published at Lincoln, wants several thousand new subscribers and as a special inducement will mail the paper twice a week from now until the end of this year for only fifty cents. Two papers each week with all the news of the world, through the great presidential campaign and the campaign in this state for two United States senators and the state ticket. Never in your life have you been offered so much reading matter for 50 cents. Send in your money right now, because the sooner you send it in the more papers you get for your money. Address, Nebraska State Journal, Lincoln, Neb.

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A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season your feet feel swollen, nervous and hot, and get tired easily. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It cools the feet and makes walking easy. Cures swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and gives rest and comfort. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package free. Address, Allen S. Olmstead, LeRoy, N. Y.

### TOLD A SAD TALE OF WOE

#### Rosa Rauhen Has a Weakness for Running Away From Home.

Rosa, the twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rauhen, takes a notion to run away from home quite frequently. Sunday night she called at the home of Oliver Gilson, in the Fourth ward, and told a rather sad little tale of woe, stating, among other things that her father was at Kearney visiting a brother in the reform school, while her mother had gone to Omaha and left her to shift for herself. She told the story in such a straightforward, innocent manner that even the most heartless person could not have turned her away. The folks at the Gilson home invited her in, gave her something to eat and as much as possible made her feel comfortable.

Yesterday morning Mr. Gilson went over to the girl's home to find out, if possible, the facts in the case. He found, to his surprise, that Mrs. Rauhen was home and had not gone to Omaha at all.

It developed that the girl had merely taken advantage of her father's absence to run away from home. While Rosa has again taken up her abode under the parental roof, there is no telling when she will take another notion to change her headquarters.

### TO CONNECT WITH LINCOLN

#### Plattsmouth Telephone Company Asks For a Franchise.

An indication that the Plattsmouth Telephone company means business is shown by the fact that its lines are being rapidly extended to different parts of the state. At present the management is making an effort to establish an exchange at Lincoln, and the following in regard to this matter appeared in this morning's State Journal:

"Three representatives of the Western Independent Long Distance Telephone company visited Lincoln yesterday to make arrangements to enter this city with their toll lines from Eagle, fourteen miles east of Lincoln, to establish several toll stations in the city and to lay the ground work for the ultimate establishment of a telephone exchange in this city. They were Byron Clark, counsel; T. H. Pollock and T. H. Ewing. Besides owning an exchange in Plattsmouth the company has a number of long distance lines. Every town in Cass county is connected by their lines, and their toll list shows a total of 180 cities and towns outside of Cass county reached by their lines. They have a line to South Omaha and a line on both sides of the Missouri river between Plattsmouth and St. Joe. The aim of the company is to cover every town in each county entered by their lines.

"The president of the company is T. E. Parmele, mayor of Plattsmouth and a banker of that city. His brother, C. C. Parmele, is treasurer. The company is said to have abundant financial backing. Mr. Pollock is superintendent of the Plattsmouth water-works, and Mr. Ewing is the electrician for the telephone company.

"Specimens of rates quoted are: Plattsmouth to Lincoln or vice versa 25 cents for five minutes' talking, day or night; Nebraska City to Lincoln or vice versa 25 cents for five minutes, day or night; between Plattsmouth and St. Joe 25 cents for five minutes. Up to this time the company has made no difference in day and night rates."

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Father J. T. Carney visited in Omaha today.

Frank Morgan and wife went to Omaha on the fast mail.

Ben Elson, the clothier, made a business trip to the metropolis today.

Mrs. Phil Harrison left this afternoon for a short visit with relatives at Lincoln.

Messrs. T. H. Pollock, T. H. Ewing and Byron Clark returned this morning from Lincoln.

Frank Baird, the restaurant man, was looking after some business matters in Omaha today.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie of Nebraska City came up yesterday for a short visit with their Plattsmouth friends.

J. F. Pulk, who has spent the winter in Eastern Indiana, came in this morning for a short visit with his son, C. S., before returning to his home in Greenwood.

Gustave Buss, Avoca's newly appointed postmaster, was in the city today and made this office a pleasant call. He expects to assume his new duties about June 1.

Dave McEntee, who has a good position in the governor's office at Lincoln, came in last evening for a short visit with his parents, returning on the early train this morning.

F. M. Stennet of Westphalia, Kan., representing the E. B. Graham Real Estate and Immigration agency, came in last evening for a short visit with his brother-in-law, J. M. Johns. He went over to Red Oak this morning.

W. H. Spayde, a Sioux City commission dealer, came in last evening for a short visit with his daughter, Miss Mary Spayde, who is a trimmer at Solomon & Nathan's store. He returned home on the early train this morning.

### Glad He Was Present.

PASADENA, Cal., May 20, 1899.—My Dear Mr. Rosecrans: I am glad I was present at your "Chalk Talk" last night. You certainly have the right idea of what is meant by a good entertainment, and your work with the crayon surpasses anything I have ever seen. Yours truly, ROBERT J. BURDETTE.

### "Chalk Talk."

The ladies of the Methodist church have secured a notable entertainment—a "Chalk Talk" by the well known cartoonist and entertainer, Mr. Charles E. Rosecrans, of Boston. The entertainment will be given at the church Thursday evening, May 10.

The "Chalk Talk" is an entertainment appealing both to eye and ear. An illustrated lecture, the illustrations being swiftly executed before the eyes of the audience and "accompanied," as the Boston Transcript says, "by a running fire of humorous comment and apt and happy narrative."

Mr. Rosecrans was formerly cartoonist on the Boston Journal and is a contributor to both the literary and pictorial columns of such periodicals as Life, Truth and others. He is regarded by discriminating critics in the east as one of the cleverest "Chalk Talkers" and public entertainers on the platform today.



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All the latest Novelties in Tailor-made Suitings, Cheviots, Coverts, Poplins, Venetians and Serges.

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An elegant line of Silks in blacks and colors bought direct from the mills.

### Wash Goods

In imported Dimities, Egyptian Tissues, Satin Stripe Dimities, Foulards, etc. Best shirting prints, 5c; fine line of Ginghams—regular 15c kind—for 10c; nearly 100 styles to select from.

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We are sole agents for Queen Quality Ladies' Shoes--\$3 And Budd's Baby and-Child's Shoes

Everything in EMBROIDERIES, LACES and YOKINGS.

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High Water at Elmwood. The following dispatch from Elmwood appeared in today's State Journal: "The heaviest rain known in years visited this vicinity from 8 to 10 o'clock Sunday evening. The rain came down in perfect torrents, almost resembling a cloud burst, and in a short time the small creeks were overflowing their banks and much damage was done by washing. Section Foreman Ben Boyco and a crew of three men of the Missouri Pacific, got on a hand car and went ahead of the passenger train, which is due here about 10:30, as far as Weeping Water. About two miles down the track the hand car ran into a pile of drift and rubbish. The car jumped the track, but fortunately no one was injured. It took the men some time to clear the track, as the rubbish was about three feet deep for a distance of a quarter of a mile, and had the passenger run into this there would have been a terrible accident. There were several other dangerous places between here and Weeping Water, but the train reached there only an hour late. Reports from the country are that a great deal of the listed corn has been washed out. A severe electrical storm accompanied the rain, but so far as learned there was no loss of life or stock.

Telfer, Shepard & Co. will clean your house in and out, top to bottom. Charges right. Plattsmouth telephone 827. Order your ice cream for Sunday dinner of Miss Holloway.

FOR SALE.—Five acres on Lincoln avenue, known as the Dr. John Black property, with all kinds of fruits, berries, etc. Improvement—A modern ten room house, all in good repair, excellent well and cistern water, horse barn, cow barn, ice house, poultry, wood and tool shed, and other outbuildings, all of which are in first class repair. The above property is located on one of the best corners in Plattsmouth and strictly first class in every way, and can be obtained very cheap. For full information call at the premises, or address A. R. Bradley, box 195.

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MISCELLANEOUS. YOUNG LADY alone father dead; left plenty of means; wants gentleman correspondent; object, marriage. Address with stamp, Jessie Jones, box 428, Anderson, Ind.

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