HEIRS TO RICH LEGACY NEWS IN CONDENSED FORM TO INSTRUCT STEWARDS.

Unexpected Wealth Comes to Ella and Anna Crocker.

Two Former Plattsmouth Women, Now Residing in Chicago, are Kindly Remembered by an Uncle Who Died in California-Will Receive \$50,000 Each-Other

In the Chicago American's issue of December 26, appeared an article relating to a fortune which recently fell to Elia and Anna Crocker, formerly of this city, but who in late years have city for a short visit. made their home in Chicago. They are nieces of Captain L. D. Bennett of this city. In the 70's they conducted a millinery store in the building which formerly stood where Robert Sherwood's new building now stands. The article is as follows:

"Ella and Anna Crocker, both beyond middle life, living with their uncle, W. F. Bennett, 3642 Vincennes Neb. avenue, were made the happy recipients on Monday last of the cheering news that they were heirs to \$50,000 each from the estate of an uncle, Benjamin Crocker, who had made a fortune of half a million dollars during the early days in California.

"The story of the lives of the two aged sisters, who have resided in Chicago ever since the great fire in 1871, concert last night. romance. The Crocker family came C. D. Kenny of Elmwood were county men will be detailed as instructors and Utica Christmas morning, where they reads like a page from a book of from Pittsburg originally and consisted of ten brothers and sisters. When the gold excitement broke out in California one of the brothers, Benjamin, struck out for the fields of yellow wealth. He arrived safe and sound, and success met his efforts from the first. When he had finished his friends for a few days. search for gold he aid not return east, but cast his lot with California.

"Back in Pittsburg Peter Crocker, Benjamin's brother, worked on laborihis wife and two girls, Ella and Anna. In 1853 he died and for over forty years the two daughters and their mother lived together. Three years ago the mother passed away. Ella had come to Chicago in 1872 as a teacher of vocal music. She sang in the churches and with her teaching supported her mother, sister and self.

"Benjamin, the Californian, whom Ella and Anna never saw, was still a short time today on company busigrowing rich on the coast. Two of his ness. sisters and a brother joined him there. Twice he was married and twice he two well known farmers from near was bereaved. In his old age a daugh- Rock Bluffs, were Plattsmouth visitors ter died, and he was left alone. No today. letters ever passed between his two that their Uncle Benjamin was rich short visit. and growing richer. Two years ago Benjamin died and left no will, and his estate. 14 27 d at \$500,000, was to go to his siste. 2 and anothers or their heirs, 50,000 each for Elia and Anna. with all their gladness, the sisters regretted any publicity of the fact that

a small fortune had come to them. "'Of course,' said one, 'we know that all the world is glad when good luck comes to a person, and it may be interested in that person, but I dislike the publicity.' "

Invite Charter Members. On January 1st, 1887, the Y. L. R. R. A. opened a reading room in the Rockwood block, in connection with a \$1 and costs by Judge Archer today. circulating library of about 200 volpublic. The connection between these two events must be evident to the most casual observer, and that the present condition of the library is a direct outcome of the work begun by the Young Ladies' Reading Room association, no one will doubt. Therefore, it is with much pleasure that the members of the library board invite the charter members of the Y. L. R. R. A. to be present at the new building next Tuesday, from 2 to 9:30 p. m., to assist in receiving the friends of the library.

Pleasant Social Affair. Mrs. James Herold gave a very pleasant little party last evening in honor of Miss Fern Hager of Holyoke, Colo., who is here to spend the holidays. The young folks indulged in various kinds of games, listened to music and partook of dainty refresh-Margaret Hodgert assisted Mrs. Herold in entertaining the guests.

Those present were Estelle Baird, Nellie Tolliff, Jeanette Murphy, Helen Waugh, Frances Mitcheil, Helen Earl Clark and Latimer Hajek.

Death of James O'Leary. James O'Leary, one of the prominent | will sing a solo. farmers, living eight and one-half

Wednesday, the 26th inst. James O'Leary was a bachelor, about Terms made known on application. fifty-five years old, and his sister kept for him. He located on his farm, now consisting of five eighties, in 1873. His sister and one brother, J. Cedar Creek Monday night, came to J. O'Leary, survive him. In the death town last evening to pay a fine for of this subject. Cass county loses a carrying concealed weapons. Judge prosperous and respected citizen .-Weeping Water Rapublican.

Will Represent Nebraska Clubs, Mrs. B. M. Stoutenborough of this

be held in 1902.

On a darkened face to break, Whenever a self-denial For another's sake you make, Whenever for souls of the wandering In Jesus' name you pray, You are being a ministering spirit And making things go God's way."

Robert Vass made a trip to Ashland this morning. G. W. Noble of Omnha was in town

today on business. C. S. Polk made a business trip to Omaha this morning.

James Morrison of Omaha is in the Byron Clark made a business trip to

Omaha on the early train.

bargain. Ecquire of C. S. Polk.

Miss Mabel Enton is spending the holidays with relatives at Clay Center,

City Clerk W. K. Fox made a business trip to the state capital this after

were business visitors in Omaha this use of the emergency case with which New Years.

A. L. Upham of Weeping Water and

seat visitors today.

An enterprising St. Louis tobacccnist advertises: "Imported cigars of department. my own manufacture.

Mrs. Joseph O'Pelt of Omaha is visiting with some of her Plattsmouth

Miss Julia Begley of Nebraska City is spending the holidays with relatives and friends in the city.

Carl Kunzmann made a trip to South ously for the upbuilding of a home for Omaha this afternoon, where he will purchase some fat cattle.

Epworth League reception New Year's eve, from 8 to 10, at "Sunny side," home of the Wescotts. Smoke Bookmeyer's "Havana Tag,"

5c cigar, or better still, the "Puro,"best 10c goods on the market. Dr. Hull of the Burlington Volun-

tary Relief department was in town for Charles Welsh and Louis Renard

Joe Fairfield, an old-time Plattsstruggling nieces in Chicago and him- mouth citizen, who is now farming out

> W. H. McCulough of Newbern, Ia., who has been visiting at the home of W. L. Street for several days, returned music and other social amusements.

terday for a short time.

I. Pearlman, the furniture dealer, made a trip to Omaha this morning. the metropolis in three years.

Harry Bailey, a stranger, was ar rested yesterday for being drunk and

The members of the library board umes. On January 1st, 1901, the beau- will be pleased to meet all the friends tiful new library building, with about of the public libaary at the new build-2,000 books, will be thrown open to the ing, New Years day, from 2 to 9:30 p. m.

The annual ball of the Glenwood "Bachelors'" club was held at that place last night. Miss Katherine Agnew of this city went over to attend.

short time for Omaha. Dwight Hillis' address on 'Ruskin's about with such art that they have the to Weeping Water.

Mrs. George E. Dovey entertained ments, and all enjoyed a good social the members of the P. E. O. society time. Mrs. James Murphy and Miss last night. The evening was very pleasantly spent in listening to music, playing various games and in social

conversation. The Woman's club will hold their regular meeting at the K. of P. hall Travis, Ida Pearlman, Olga Hajek, this evening. Rev. Asa Sleeth will Noel Rawls, Earl Kuhney, Searl Davis, deliver an interesting lecture, taking it is no less in harmony with the situafor his subject "The Medes and the Persians." Miss Gertrude Fletcher

Professor Blair will start a class in miles northeast of here, died at his Osteopathy and magnetic healing on home last Saturday, after an illness of January 7, 1901. Ladies, as well as two months with Bright's disease. The gentlemen, are eligible to these inremains were interred at College Hill, structions. No better paying or more honorable profession in vogue today.

> William Ossenkop, one of the young men who was mixed up in the disturb-Archer assessed the same at \$10. The other young man for whom a warrant

was issued has not as yet been arrested. Lee Kirkpatrick of Nehawka has city has been appointed by the execu- sold, through the real estate agency Try Jell O, a delicious dessert. Pretive committee of the Nebraska Feder- of W. H. Pool, his eighty acres of land pared in two minutes. No baking! ation of Woman's clubs to represent three and one-half miles west of Weep-the president of the federation, Mrs. ing Water, to Issac Wiles for \$45 per Lemon, orange, raspberry and straw-Draper Smith, at a meeting of the acre. This is a good piece of land, all berry. At your grocers. 10 cts. presidents of Louisiana surchase state under cultivation, but there are no federations, to be held at Stationis on January 17. At this meeting they ing. It is a pargain at the price Mr. will arrange for a "Woman's day" at Pool says. Mr. Kirkpatrick, we are the Louisiana purchase exposition, to informed, will go to Oklahoma to reside - Weeping Water Republican. lagent.

lished at Fort Leavenworth.

The United States is at work at present re-establishing a school for hospital stewards at Fort Leavenworth, s ys the Omaha Boe. At the breaking out of the Spanish war an institution of this character was in successful operation at that post, but all of the men were sent to the front and until the present have been actually engaged in the camps, in Cuba and in the Philippines. The school was al- ing lowed to lapse for lack of men and officers to manage it and if the army is maintained upon its present basis there land. will be little more than a skeleton organ zation at present. But officers of Fine residence property for sale at a the army are so confident of the passage of the military reorganization days. W. H. Rhoades, the contractor, was bill, increasing the number of soldiers a business visitor in the metropolis to- in the standing army, that they are their old home in Kansas since last making preparation to handle the in- week. creased force to the best advantage. It is believed that the school will be the hotidays with their sister, Mrs. A. reorganized in all departments by J. Tool.

January L. practical work of caring for the sick tended. and wounded, emergency hospital C. C. Parmele and T. H. Pollock work, first sid for the wounded, the the hospital stewards are provided up-The Misses Dovey returned from on the eve of battle, the use of the Elmwood todsy, where they gave a ambulance and every phase of work which is found within the ho-pital or upon the battle field. Experienced the whole school will be in charge of will visit until Saturday.

Imperial Mystic Legion Election. At a regular meeting of the Imperial officers were elected for the ensuing home to spend Christmas.

Regent-J. Pearce. Vice Regent-A. W. MaGowan. Secretary and Treasurer-E. W. Fitt. Warden-Miss Edna Oliver. Herald-E. Holmbe g. Watch-J. Mason.

Guard-Peter Claus. Messenger-Miss Kate Rishel. Trustee and Physician-Dr. E W.

Surgeon-Dr. T. P. Livingston. These officers will be installed at the next regular meeting on January 10. A fine program will be prepared for this occasion.

A Farewell Party.

Miss Gertrude Fletcher, who expects to leave for Detroit, M.ch., tomorrow to join her mother, was given a neat surprise last evening in the form of a Monday, December 24, a girl baby. farewell party. She has been making Carlyle, and last evening a party of tism. self. Ella and Anna knew, however, near Minatare, is in the city for a her friends called to enjoy a social time and to bid her farewell.

The young folks passed a very pleasant evening in singing, listening to

The jolly crowd was composed of Attorney W. H. Pitzer, formerly of Misses Eunice Davis, Margaret Rennie, his city, but who is now practicing Gertrude Beeson, Nellie Whalen, Iinlaw at Nebraska City, was in town yes- sie and Addie Smith, Clara and Rose Batten, Mabel Carlyle, Cleone Thomas, Gertrude Fletcher and Messrs. Hitt Wescott, Ed Schulhof, Charles Kerr, This was Mr. Pearlman's first visit to John Beeson, Harley and Morris Campbell, Carl Humphrey and Wolfe.

A Play That Will Amuse.

"Miss Hobbs," the new four-act combegging on the street. He was fined edy by Jerome K. Jerome, which is underlined for next Tuesday, January 1, matinee and evening, at the Parmele theatre, is a cleverly conceived, ing. brightly written and entirely wholesome play. Its merit is all pervading, shining in a natural run of dialogue, just often enough tipped with epigram and mildly satirical remark to give it an atmosphere of perfect spontaneity and as frequently displaying itself in Everybody is invited to attend the numerous unforeseen situations and masque ball to be given by the T. J. surprises that were a continual chal-Sokol society on Saturday evening. Jan- lenge to expectation and interest. And uary 12 Four prizes will be offered. the quality of novelty in a certain sense Miss Kittie Gebhart, who for several also attaches to the pleasant story, years has been employed as a clerk at which, white not at all unprecedented at the Hotel Oxford about midnight. Herold & Son's store, has resigned her in its presentation of a girl strong position. She expects to leave in a mided on the subject of marriage, who for a week's vacation, and the teachers finally proves false to her professions are taking advantage of it. The prin-George L. Farley went to Lincoln in a graceful surrender to a manly cipal, Claud Palmer, went to Murray, this aftarnoon to hear Dr. Newell man, bring; these conditions of change and the Misses Lineback and Johnson Message to the Nineteenth Century." freshness of absolute novelty. It is before the state teacher's meeting to- safe to say that anything more dainty or altogether more enjoyable than "Miss Hobbs" has not been seen in this city within recent remembrance. It is charming in all its aspects and And while the merrier side of matters is, of course, most in evidence, where sentiment is called on to play its part

tion, and is artistically expressed. Proposal for Building.

Sealed bids for the furnishing of materials and work for a brick business building, to be erected at Plattsmouth, Neb., for the John Gund Brewing Co., will be received at the office of Fisher & Lawrie, architects, Paxton building, Omaha, Neb, until 12 m, Saturday, December 29, 1900.

Plans and specifications for the same can be seen at the office of Fisher & surveyor, Plattsmouth, Neb.

The right is reserved to reject any any all bids.

What Shall We Have for Dessert? This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it today:

MURDOCK ITEMS.

George Vandenburg visited Lincoln Saturday.

John Ward left to spend the winter

in Hall county. Minerva Tool is home from Ne-

hawka to spend the holidays.

August Dehning spent Sunday and Christmas with his mother in Omaha. The local band intends giving a concert at the school house Saturday even-

The Misses Whipple are spending the holiday vacation at home in Ash-

Anna Stroy, who is now dressmaking in Lincoln, is home to spend the holi-

The Misses Stearns are visiting at

Carrie and Chat Wurts are spending

The Christmas exercises at both the At this tchool will be taught the churches here were fine and well at

Will Gakemeler is home from college at Addison, Iil. He will return after

F. L Grammer and wife of Pleasanton are visiting the family of M. W. Rev. Meyers and family left for

Colonel Kimball, chief surgeon of the All the school ma'ams hailing from this vicinity are taking in the conven-

tion at Lincoln this week. Conrad Miller, who is now in the Mystic Legion last night the following Union Pacific office at Omaha, was

> Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Stratton are visiting their daughters, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Tool, during the holidays. Edward Ritchey has sold his 240se e farm to N. J. Neitzel, and will move to Kansas, where all of his children are now located.

> Scott Hare left for Salem, Ia., Wednesday evening, to be gone until after New Years. While there he will act as best man at his nephew's wedding.

AVOCA ITEMS.

Christmas has come and gone. John Opp is on the sick list this

The Christmas exercises at both churches were well attended.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson Willie Fisher has been laid up for a her home with Mr. and Mrs. Robert few weeks with inflammatory rheuma- Nebraska line.—Kansas City Journal

> Joe Malcolm took a load of his celebrated flour to Nebraska City last J. Maxfield of Dorchester, Neb.

> spent a few days here this week with his best girl. Quite a number of our people at tended the foot ball game at Weeping

Water Christmas. Eda and Salma Marquardt, who are attending school at Lincoln, were spending Christmas at home.

Grandpa Tefft was seen out riding one day last week. We are glad to hear that he is able to be out again. Fred Ruhge was laid up all last week with various ailments, but was down town a few minutes Christmas morn-

Louis Marquardt left for Utica, Neb., Christmas to spend a few days with friends. Look out, boys, for Lou. It's

hard telling what will follow. Ed Wulf, Ralph Graham and Dick Fleshman, who are attending school at Weeping Water, came home to spend Christmas with their parents.

The mask ball Christmas night was FIRST-CLASS ORGAN AT A BARGAIN.
well attended, and all report a good be seen and tested. Just the thing for children time. An elegant supper was served or young people to practice on. Cheap for cash Address at once A Z or The News.

Our schools were closed last Friday

NEW BUSHELWOMAN.

The Turkish bath in the larger cities of the world has developed a new inmore particularly in its many delight- dustry for woman. Thus far, says the ful love scenes, the closing episode in New York Post, there is no name for this direction fairly carrying the house it, but it comes close to what in the away with its beauty and originality. old days was known as the trade of a bushelwoman. The modern edition and modification, however, gives it an entirely different character. The first one appeared in New York this week and made so successful a debut that others will undoubtedly come forward in the next month or two. A lady visits a bath and, after disrobing and donning her bathing tunic, hands over her clothing to the bushelwoman. She dusts it, repairs any worn or torn edging, strengthens or replaces buttons and presses the different pieces of the wardrobe which need that kind of work. Then with an atomizer she sprays it with a perfumed disinfectant and hangs the article in a heated room so as to expel all moisture. The proance which occurred in the saloon at Lawrie, or at the office of the county cess takes from a half hour to an hour and a half, which is less than the time required for a Russian, Turkish, Roman or electric bath. The garments come out neat, spotless, "dressy" and void of all germs. The cost is moderate and the satisfaction to the weare:

Intimate Friend of John Brown August Bondi of Salina, Kas., is visan active part in the anti-slavery struggles of the state. He lived but three take him by the hand.

LONG LIFE.

Conrad Baumgartner went to Omaha Chab is Struggling with the Problem of Living for a Century.

About 100 professional and scientific

men and women of this city have set about in a methodical way to discover the secret of long life, says the New York Mail and Express. They call themselves the Hundred Year club. They are not cranks in any sense of the word, and are conducting their investigations soberly and sensibly. These persons believe that under present conditions it ought to be easy to prolong one's life to 100 years. If the science of living can be developed that centenarians become numerous, it of 10 or 20 years, or even more, so that extremely old men and women might be found elsewhere. They do not seek merely to keep men alive as an exhibit, but they want him to be a useful member of the community to the day of his death. They are not vegetarians, Christian Scientists, or Ralstonites. Neither have they pledged themselves to live according to any particular set of rules, or to apply the secret of longevity to themselves, if they discover it. They are open-minded and unprejudiced. They meet and discuss the cries of correct living, and as a matter of course try to live correctly themselves. They do not pretend to say they will live to be centenarians, but in common with most persons they hope they may. Prominent among the members of the Hundred Year club are Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Theodore Sutro, Dr. Carleton Simmons, Dr. H. W. Wiley, director of the United States pure food display at the Paris exposition; G. W. Smith Albert Turner, Mrs. Mary Banks Stacey, John De Witt Warner, Dr John R. Hayes, of the United States pension bureau, Washington, and Col. E. P. Vollum, United States army, retired. Incidentally the club has learned that in Ireland there are 375 centenarians; in Germany, with its vastly greater population, 75; while Servia has fully 600 over 100, 120 over 125, and three over 135. Dr. Simmons is trying to discover whether these figures can be attributed to the difference in the diets of these people. China is the only nation, so far as known to the club, that sets a premium on old age, granting special honors to persons who are 95 or over. The club is seriously considering this life problem on the basis of all measures of natural physical strength and mental condition subsequent to force of circumstances.

Love's Fleet Steed

The American horse is no match for the Indian pony when it comes to long-distance traveling. A few days ago the 15-year-old daughter of F. S. Vail eloped with her lover from Wakeeney, Kan. The pair were mounted on a pony, and, though double-burdened, the pony beat a big horse ridden by the pursuing father across the

Female Doctors in Asia.

Within the last twenty years the number of American and English female physicians in Asiatic countries has increased from twenty to 220.

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