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TART CURB-STONE JOSHINGS

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She was a maiden fair to see,
In fact she was a peach,
But she grew upon a family tree,
And was beyond my reach.

Come to Plattsmouth the 4th.
Although it is Leap Year, there will be no dearth of June weddings.

The man who does right can stand up and look the world in the face.

No man, if he don't try to get bigger than his job, can expect to get promoted.

We are all too fast with the weather. Summer will not begin officially until June 21.

The man who makes hay while the sun shines doesn't let the grass grow under his feet.

The Eagle Quartette, of Omaha, one of the best in the country, will be here on the Fourth.

The good looking school ma'ams will be with us next week, and Cass county has lots of them.

When a man gets hard up and can't get anything to do, they offer him the vice presidency.

If undertakers would marry midwives they could then catch them a-coming and a-going.

There are men who don't know what to do with their oppos' mitts any more than a dog knows what to do with a tin can tied to its tail.

Pointer for Plattsmouth girls: Five New Jersey young ladies won husbands by toying with a lawn mower in front of the house of evenings.

Fireworks will be restricted somewhat on the Fourth in this city, and ought to be. The cannon-cracker, one of the biggest nuisances of the age, must go.

We have had Uncle Tom's Cabin and the week will end with Happy Hooligan at the Parnele, Saturday night. That ought to be enough to do us for a while.

A gentleman remarked the other day that the reason why some people don't talk about their family tree is because it's a little too shady. He ought to know, perhaps.

Next Thursday night the closing exercises of St. John's school will occur at the Parnele theatre. An excellent programme has been arranged for the occasion, and everybody welcome.

A reader of the Journal wants to know what became of Midget Mickey's boom for vice president? Better ask what has become of his boom for reelection since the republican convention?

The employes of the railroad shops got another taste of the "full dinner pail" and "Roosevelt prosperity" again last week. All that's left for them to do is to "stand pat" and grin and bear it—whether they want to or not.

The Elks have again been compelled to postpone their fair and carnival indefinitely, on account of the serious illness of David Hawksworth, a member of the order. It is probable the event will not occur until some time in the fall.

We heard of a young lady begging her best fellow for ice cream the other night, and when he told her he hadn't any money, she took him to the ice cream parlor and bought it herself for the two. That's the kind of girl for a fellow to have, but is it the kind of a fellow for a girl to have?

The man who has nothing to do but stand around on the streets and talk about his neighbors, is worse than any old woman gossip. But still he is to be pitied, for he has become so noted for defaming the characters of some of our very best citizens, that they have named him "Plattsmouth's First-class Liar"—not lawyer.

The following story is told of modern surgery: An old lady, who went to Omaha to visit her daughter, was met at the door by the hired girl who said that her daughter had gone down town to have a kimona cut out. The old lady sank fainting into the nearest chair and tearfully asked what hospital she had been taken to.

Some of those fellows who have nothing else to do but stand on the streets and condemn Mayor Gering for doing his duty, should understand that the reduction of \$37,000 of the city's indebtedness speaks louder in his behalf than these wheezened voices can work to the contrary. So blow on, ye kickers, to your hearts' content!

An esteemed subscriber sends us the ten commandments and asks us to publish them. Under the circumstances we must decline to do so. It is true the commandments were written several thousand years ago, but if we publish them some person might think they were aimed at him and stop his paper. The publisher of a newspaper has to be very careful about such things.

Lodges Decorate.

Several of the fraternal orders of this city held memorial services last Sunday. The Odd Fellows met at their hall in the morning and about nine o'clock marched to Oak Hill cemetery and decorated the graves of deceased members. They were preceded by the B. & M. band. The members of the A. O. U. W. lodges Nos. 8 and 21, also met at their hall at about the same hour, and headed by the Bohemian band, marched to the cemetery and decorated the graves of their deceased members. After returning from the cemetery appropriate memorial services were held at the different halls. The Knights of Pythons also held memorial services at their hall in the afternoon.

FREED FROM SUFFERING.

A. H. Weckbach Dies at His Home in This City of Diabetis.

After a confinement of eight days, A. H. Weckbach died of diabetis at his home in this city on Saturday evening, June 11, 1904, being unconscious for some time previous to his death. From the beginning of his last illness, but slight hopes at any time were entertained for his recovery. Most of the time he was unable to take and retain nourishment, which perhaps hastened his demise.

Mr. Weckbach has been a resident of Plattsmouth for thirty-six years, coming to Nebraska from Germany in 1868, when twelve years of age, since which time he has made this city his home. He was born in Waldhausen, Baden, Germany, on the 16th day of April, 1854, and was married twenty-years ago, the wife, made a widow by his death, survives him, but no children ever blessed his home, except by adoption. One brother, Wm. Weckbach of Omaha, also survives him.

For the past fourteen years he was engaged in the grocery business, and considered one among our most popular, prosperous and influential merchants and citizens. Being naturally of a genial and jovial disposition, he was highly respected by all who knew him, and his acquaintance was quite extensive in Cass county and also Mills county, Iowa. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World, Ancient Order of United Workmen and Modern Woodmen of America.

The funeral services occurred Tuesday morning, June 14, at 10 o'clock from St. John's Catholic church, Father



A. H. WECKBACH

Bradley, assisted by Rev. Bartek of the Bohemian Catholic church, conducting the same. After which interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. The remains were followed to their last resting place by a very large number of relatives and sympathetic friends, the cortege numbering seventy-one vehicles, bearing those who desired to be present to witness the last sad rites to all that was mortal of A. H. Weckbach, before the body was consigned to the silent tomb.

Germania lodge, A. O. U. W., of which the deceased was a charter member, attended in a body, while quite a number of members of both orders of the Woodmen attended. The pallbearers were selected from each of these lodges, as follows: John Bauer, sr., Henry Hirtz, William Hassler, Joseph Droege, C. Janda and Abe Rupley.

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THE MASONIC HOME FORMALLY DEDICATED.

Five Hundred Members of the Order Attend the Ceremonies.

GRAND LODGE OFFICIALS OFFICIATE.

A Number of Former Residents of Plattsmouth Participate in the Exercises.

One of the most important and interesting events of the past week occurring in this city was the formal dedication of the Masonic home on Thursday afternoon, June 9, 1904.

In the afternoon a special train arrived at the B. & M. depot, consisting of ten coaches, bearing a large number of Masons, their wives and daughters. Here they were met by the local lodge, city council and many leading and prominent citizens. Carriages were in waiting for the ladies to convey them to the home. Headed by the Omaha High School band, following in order Mount Calvary Calvary Commandery No. 1 Knight Templars in uniform, with other Masons, the line proceeded up Main to Sixth street, north to Vine, thence northwest on Washington avenue to the home. The ceremonies occurred on the front steps of the building.

On arriving at the home Past Grand Master George W. Linniger, of Omaha, briefly stated the object of the occasion, and incidentally remarked that the building had been most elegantly furnished free of expense to the order, and that it was free from all incumbrance, and that it was now presented to the Grand Lodge of the state. After the remarks of Mr. Linniger, Rev. H. B. Burgess of St. Luke's church of this city repeated the Lord's prayer, which was followed by the band playing "America," in which all joined in singing.

The beautiful home prepared for maimed and aged members of the order was then dedicated in a most impressive manner, characteristic of the order, by Worshipful Grand Master Frank E. Bullard of North Platte, who said: "In the name of the Creator and Sovereign Ruler of the Universe, I dedicate this home to the order." As he did so he scattered corn, wine and oil, as emblems of charity, virtue and benevolence.

In the course of Past Master Linniger's remarks he said that it was not the home of all Masons, and while the order recognized charity as a duty incumbent upon all Masons, it was not a poor house, but a home in every sense the word would imply—our home—and will be supported by the free offerings of true and loving Masons.

Judge M. B. Reese of Lincoln, past grand master, delivered the principal address, and among other things said that he had left Plattsmouth thirty years ago with the intention of making a permanent home elsewhere, but he was very emphatic in the statement that after all these years he returns to Plattsmouth where he has a home which he was delighted to call "our home." Short addresses were delivered by Judge A. W. Crites of Chadron, Past Grand Master R. E. Evans of Dakota City and C. J. Phelps of Schuyler, all of whom spoke in gratifying and loving terms of "our beautiful home, this day dedicated and turned over to the Grand Lodge."

This is the twentieth home to be founded in the United States by the Masons. It is a beautiful three-story brick building, containing nineteen rooms, a modern structure in every respect, situated as it is upon a beautiful knoll overlooking the city and adjacent to one of the principal thoroughfares, making its location an ideal one. The original cost for the construction of this elegant home was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$20,000. It was erected by Jacob Vallery, jr., several years ago. It passed into the hands of Hon. F. E. White, present grand secretary of the order, who occupied it as a residence until he removed to Omaha, then it was transferred to the Grand Lodge of the state at a great deal less than one-third the original cost. In this issue we present to the Journal readers a half-tone of the home, taken early this spring, from which can be obtained a splendid view of the building and surroundings.

Among the ladies present on this occasion were Mrs. Anna C. Sampson of Omaha, grand secretary of the Order of the Eastern Star; Mrs. T. W. Matthews of Fremont, past grand matron; Mrs. Gordon, past associate matron, and Mrs. Jessie Gridley, grand matron, both of Omaha.

Among the visitors were several former Plattsmouth residents, among whom were Judge Reese of Lincoln, Hon. Frank E. White of Omaha, Judge A. W. Crites of Chadron, D. H. Wheeler



Nebraska Masonic Home Dedicated at Plattsmouth, Thursday, June 9th, 1904.

and Captain H. E. Palmer, present postmaster at Omaha.

The excursionists were accompanied by the Omaha High School band, which for youngsters discoursed excellent music.

The visitors departed on their return trip to Omaha, no doubt feeling that they were duly received and properly entertained during their short stay in Plattsmouth.

THE TEACHERS ARE COMING.

Open Wide Your Doors and Give Them a Cordial Greeting.

The teachers' institute convenes in this city next Monday, continuing until the following Saturday afternoon. On Monday evening will come the regular reception at the High school building, at which all are given an opportunity to meet each other again after another year, as well as to meet the new members who join the ranks annually. Of the High school graduates from our own city schools this year, we are informed that no less than a half a dozen will teach the coming year. On Monday evening also, in connection with the reception, will be given a lecture by Mrs. Stoutenborough, who can at all times be counted on to give them something good.

Following Mrs. Stoutenborough, each evening will be lectures as follows: Dr. Edward A. Ross on the "Mind of the Mob"; E. B. Sherman of Schuyler, on "The Hardy Norsemen" on Wednesday evening; Samuel Phelps Leland of Chicago on Thursday evening on "Our Country's Tomorrow," and on Friday evening the Plattsonian quartette, assisted by two reed-instrumentists and a whistling soloist, will entertain.

It is an opportunity to hear these numbers, all of them. Those who enjoy something good will be sure to be there. The Ross and Leland lectures and the musical number will be given in the Presbyterian church, and a small admission fee will be charged.

Death of Pat McCallan.

Patrick McCallan, one of the veteran employes of the B. & M. shops in this city, died at Burlington, Iowa, on Friday morning, June 10, 1904, aged 64 years last April. His death was due to asthma, of which he had been afflicted for some time. Several months ago he started for Chicago for treatment at the hands of an expert, but when he reached Burlington his condition became such that it was necessary to remove him from the train, where he remained until death relieved him, and where interment was made. The deceased was born in Ireland, April, 1840, coming to America with his parents the same year, residing on a farm for several years in Des Moines county, Iowa. He learned the trade of boiler maker at Burlington, serving as an apprentice for three years; then as journeyman in the same shops for three years. In 1865, he entered the employ of the B. & M. at Burlington in the same capacity, where he remained until he came to Plattsmouth in September, 1875, where he entered upon the discharge of his duties as foreman of the B. & M. boiler shops. He represented the Fourth ward in the city council in 1878-'80. The deceased was married in Burlington, Iowa, in April, 1874, to Catherine Ward, also a native of Ireland, who with two children, survives him. He has many friends in this city who regret his demise.

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ARTHUR HELPS.

HAPPILY UNITED IN WEDLOCK

At the Home of the Bride's Parents, Two Miles South of Plattsmouth.

A most happy event occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tams, two miles south of this city, on Saturday afternoon, June 11, 1904, when their daughter, Miss Katie, was united in marriage to Mr. Henry Karstens of Carroll county, Iowa.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. Barkmann, pastor of the German Lutheran church of this city, and was witnessed by a large number of relatives, including the parents of both bride and groom. In fact all the relatives of the bride in this section of the country, numbering about twenty-five, were present to see two happy hearts welded in one. After the marriage ceremony congratulations followed, then came the feast of good things to eat and drink, and you can bet there was plenty and to spare. The Germans are noted for enjoying themselves on such occasions, and this one was no exception to the rule. Even the old ones joined in the merry-making, and not only did it continue until a late hour in the night, but all the guests remained over and carried the festivities through the following day. It was a grand affair, and one long to be remembered by those who participated in this joyous event.

The happy couple departed for Carroll county, Iowa, Sunday evening, where the groom owns a good farm, and where they will make their future home. The Journal joins the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Karstens in the wish that their pathway through life may be an easy one to happiness and prosperity.

Cass County Sunday Schools.

The fourth annual convention of the Cass county Sunday school association was held in the M. E. church at Murdock on Thursday and Friday, June 9 and 10, and was largely attended. A majority of the speakers were practical workers in the cause, and their efforts are largely responsible for the success of the association. The ladies of Murdock served a regular New England dinner and supper to the delegates and other friends in attendance at Tool's hall, and those present speak highly of the manner in which they were so royally entertained by the good citizens of that village. Fifty dollars was raised for county work and \$105 for state Sunday school work. This meeting is said to be by all odds the most successful of any yet held and the increased interest manifested is greatly due to the work of the rural members. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C. C. Wescott, president; John Earle, Murdock, vice president; G. L. Farley, secretary; R. H. Frans, Union, treasurer; Edith Clisbe, superintendent of primary work; Prof. E. L. Rouse, superintendent of normal work; Fred S. Will of Myard, James Stander of Louisville and J. E. Noyes of Elmwood, district superintendents.

Why Not?

The 30th day of May of each year, as is well known, is set apart by the government as a national decoration day. Since this has been done a day has also been set apart by the various orders for decorating the graves of their departed members. Why have these separate days for this purpose? Why not all join together in commemoration of the dear departed by scattering flowers over their graves? The 30th day of May is a national holiday, and what a day it would be if all these societies would join the old soldiers in its general observance! Why not do it?

A Large Hay Crop Expected.

The past week has been cool with heavy showers in central and western counties. The mean daily temperature has averaged two degrees below normal.

The rainfall has exceeded an inch in most central and western counties, while in a considerable portion of the eastern counties the rainfall has been less than one-half an inch.

The continuation of the cool, moist weather has been favorable for the growth of small grain and grass. Winter wheat and rye are mostly headed, while oats are just beginning to show heads. Grass in pastures and meadows is in excellent condition with every prospect of a large hay crop. The first cutting of alfalfa is just beginning in southern counties and some damage was done by the showers of the week. The alfalfa crops generally excellent. Corn has grown slowly and many corn fields are still weedy. Fair progress has been made with cultivation of corn in most parts of the State, but in some localities and on low land the soil is still too wet to work. Strawberries are ripening and are a good crop. Cherries are beginning to turn red and most trees are well filled with fruit.

Fearful Accident.

Mrs. A. E. Stander, one of the early settlers of this vicinity and the mother of P. C. and James Stander, well known Louisville merchants, met with a frightful accident Thursday afternoon. She had climbed upon a step ladder to arrange some vines on a porch when she slipped and fell, receiving a compound fracture of her left limb just above the ankle. When the members of the household discovered her she was endeavoring to crawl into the house, and they were horrified to see that bones of her limb were protruding through the skin about four or five inches. She was carried to the house and a messenger dispatched for Drs. Worthman and Thomas, who set the fractured limb with hopes of saving it, but the nature of the fracture and the advanced age of the lady may make amputation necessary. Mrs. Stander is sixty-two years of age. She is one of the early pioneers of Cass county, and her many friends will regret to learn of her great misfortune. Louisville Courier.

He's All Right.

J. I. Corley represented the democrats of this vicinity at the democratic state convention last week. It is fitting that Joe should have that honor, for he was about the first convert to Bryanism made in Weeping Water and Nebraska, and since his conversion he has labored long and faithfully to keep the ranks unbroken. When the light of his star was dimmed by clouds you might have heard Joe whispering to the faithful words of cheer. As Hearst, Parker, Cleveland and others were talked of as presidential possibilities, he has been careful to inform his friends that Mr. Bryan is a young man yet. The Kansas City platform means as much to Joe as holy writ. His faith in the colonel has been as staunch and immovable as the stone sidewalks in Weeping Water. His adherence to the principles of 1860 are as fixed as the boulders in our hills, and it will take a mighty big charge of dynamite to dislodge them.—Weeping Water Herald.

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