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UNION THANKS-GIVING SERVICES

Interesting Sermon by Rev. J. H. Salisbury of the First Presbyterian Church.

CHOIR, TWENTY-FIVE VOICES

A Large Assemblage Join in Commemorating the Day Set Apart by the President.

Thanksgiving day generally observed in Plattsmouth. All the principal business houses were closed about 10 o'clock and remained closed during the entire day and night. Those who could not afford turkey enjoyed goose or duck for their dinners. The various churches that did not join in the union services at the First Methodist church held appropriate services at their own churches. At 10:30 union services were held at the Methodist church, where a choir of twenty-five voices furnished the music, which included two anthems. The sermon delivered by Rev. J. H. Salisbury, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, delivered a most interesting and appropriate sermon. In part he said:

"The history of Thanksgiving day affords no little interest to those who are wont to consider it from a historical standpoint. As generally observed as a national holiday Thanksgiving day is barely fifty years old, yet its history is of much greater antiquity. "Thanksgiving day in the Massachusetts plantations of the Puritans has been variously given. In 1621, it is said, a day of thanksgiving was observed in acknowledgement of the Pilgrims' first harvest in America. The winter had been one of great severity and scarcity, and the people became very much tried and discouraged especially with the last batch of bread in the oven. The preceding July Winthrop had sent the ship 'Lion' to England for provisions, and as he was giving out the last handful of meal on the 6th of February, 1621, the ship was espied at the harbor's mouth laden with abundance for all. A general feast day had been previously appointed, but upon the arrival of the 'Lion' they changed it to a day of thanksgiving. After much prayer and pious disposition upon the part of the colony when a day of fasting had been proclaimed—one arose in the assembly and declared 'that inasmuch as the soil was rewarding their labor, the seas were full of fish, the air was full of health and they were in the full enjoyment of liberty, civil and religious; that instead of complaining before heaven they should give thanks to the Divine Being who had thus cared for them.'"

"His advice was taken and the day has henceforth been religiously observed. It was not until the Revolution that it was annually observed. As we now have it, the festival dates from 1864 when President Lincoln issued a proclamation setting apart the last Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving. In his proclamation Lincoln said: 'It has pleased Almighty God to prolong our national life another year, defending us with His guardian care against unfriendly designs from abroad and vouchsafing to us in His mercy, many and signal victories over the enemy who is in our own household.'"

"In this brief history we see that our nation is a gift to us of an ancestry of God fearing men. Our intelligence and reasoning power is the heritage consequent upon healthy religious institutions founded and maintained by the sturdy faith of our progenitors. We do not break away from the good simply because it is old.

"All of good the past hath made, Remains to make our own time glad."

"The observance of the day has been subjected to some fearful distortions and the early idea in some sections almost lost. Instead of attention being given to the review of God's mercies, the mind seems rather to turn upon selfish enjoyment. Obligation to God discharged. He no doubt rejoices with His people, but to arise in the morning and give never a solemn thought to the mercies of God, is not incorporated in the original conception of the day. God, no doubt, rejoices in the capacity of His people to eat, but upon intemperance He frowns.

"Perhaps the best place to catch the full import of this distortion of the

day, is to ride with a physician while he untangles the contortions consequent upon its indulgence. Let us hastily review, therefore, some of the blessings for which we can honestly thank God for today.

"One year ago the eyes of the world were turned upon the warring nations across the seas and every one wondered what the end would be. The terrible scenes at Port Arthur and Mukden, the awful slaughter of human lives, and the conflicts upon the seas, made the heart melt in sympathy for the stricken homes and suffering pagan people. But through it all there was a gleam of promise and the God of nations was coming with healing in His wings and blessings far greater than the cause for which these armies fought.

"No disasters have overtaken our own nation—our officials have been preserved from the hands of the assassins, and the national security never seemed more thoroughly entrenched. Our president, cutting loose from the beaten paths, has not hesitated to establish precedent for the nations. In his effort to be the president of all the people, he has visited every state in the union. Our governor is still a Methodist, with sufficient moral backbone to return his railroad passes when the party declared against them, and refused to appoint officials who are inordinate users of tobacco and profanity.

"The soil of our state has brought forth abundantly; the horn of plenty has been extended to us and our material blessings have been many. There is a phase of our social life which should cause us to bow in shame, and rise up to rejoice. The former because of corruption and graft, the latter because our people have strength of character to rebel. There is a class who holds the balance of power in affairs national, who have not bowed the knee to the God of greed. The widespread evangelistic movement is touching the very centers of active life, both politically and commercially. They are entering the strong active centers where opposition is the bitterest, and preaching a gospel which is searching men's souls. The red light districts of our cities have experienced the unusual sight of midnight parades of christian workers by the thousand who sang their songs, entered the saloons and dens of vices to invite the inmates to seek Jesus. The christian world is being stirred as never before to the great responsibilities and opportunities which lie just at hand. It also behooves us at this time in loving sympathy of those who during the past year have lost property, loved ones, strength, position, and of those who have felt the cold criticism of an unchristian public. Of those who have sought consolation in vain. Of those who were thrust into the middle of a cold winter and have no visible means of support. Do not these reflections emphasize our own present day condition? Distasteful tasks which constrain us may prove unexpectedly wholesome and profitable. Let us give thanks today for the children in our homes upon whom the activity and the responsibility of tomorrow will fall. Remembering that they are our jewels. They shall be the burden bearers of twenty years hence. Let us thank God for our educational system. It is vain to talk about the destructive tendencies of such a system; to argue it is to insult the understanding of every man. It is mere sheer low ribald, vulgar, deism and infidelity. It destroys the connecting link between creature and creator. It opposes that great system of universal benevolence and goodness which binds man to his maker. And, finally, whether in good or ill there is that splendid assurance that the Father will compensate for what seems dark here, and after the night of darkness shall come the compensating dawn to be followed by the glow of an eternal sun."

Reverend Ploetz, Youtzy and Houlgate assisted in the service. The meeting came to a close by all standing and singing "America" with unbounded enthusiasm.

Thanksgiving services were held in the St. Paul's Evangelical church yesterday forenoon. Rev. F. Langhorst, the pastor, choose for the subject of his theme the parable of the vineyard. The choir and congregation united in the singing of "Oh! dass ich tausend Zungen haette," and other hymns.

Appropriate services were held both at the St. Luke's Episcopal and St. John's Catholic churches, which were attended principally by their own congregations, and no especial programs were had.

If you are a judge of a good smoke, try the "Acorns" 5 cent cigar and you will smoke no other.

TWO FUMBLES; TWO TOUCHDOWNS

That's the Whole Story of Thursday's Football Game.

A shivering, cold-footed crowd witnessed the football game Thursday between the Plattsmouth pick-up team and the Boyles Business college team from Omaha. The game was called for 2:30 but it was nearer 4 o'clock when the visiting team arrived on the grounds, and those spectators who had been patient enough to wait were too thoroughly chilled to be very enthusiastic.

Plattsmouth kicked off at the opening of the game and held the visitors close to their goal for a few minutes, and then getting the ball on a rumble made one pass when the Plattsmouth full back dropped the ball and a sprinting right end from the visitor's line shot through, got the ball and made a straight clean run for goal, the touchdown and subsequent goal giving the visitors six points to the good. The line reformed and for some time our boys made good gains showing themselves superior in the matter of line bucking but toward the end of the half a punt by the Omaha boys was fumbled by Plattsmouth's left end and again the visitors got the ball on the run and carried it over the line. It was so far to one side that the goal was missed, and the scoring stopped right there at 11 to 0.

In the second half neither goal was in great danger, Plattsmouth having the ball most of the time in the visitors' territory but being unable to push it over. Several spectacular flying tackles were made and it was demonstrated that with some practice and team work under a good coach our boys could put up a good game, lacking, now, concerted action and proper interference.

It was a nice, clean game, and no serious accidents occurred. Several of the gladiators had their wind knocked out, and one of the visitors quit towards the last with bad bumps on the head.

The Temple Quartette.

The Temple Quartette was received at the Parmele Theatre Thursday by a large house and while they do not compare favorably with the "Wesleyans" they gave a very creditable performance. The first number was enthusiastically encored which brought out the favorite song "My Old Kentucky Home" which was rendered in a manner very pleasing to the entire audience. The quartette was very liberal in its encores which added materially to the program. The solo work all the way through was very good and was heartily applauded. Miss Farley, the reader, was very good in the "Child Dialect" but in the heavier parts did not meet the expectation of the audience. The whole entertainment was greatly detracted from on account of the cold and frozen up condition of the heating plant which in many parts of the house required the audience to wear their wraps during the entire performance. The next number of the public school lecture course is the Boston Orchestra Company and from the advance information received it will be the best thing presented on the course so far.

The Annual Injunction.

County Treasurer Wheeler has been notified by telegram that Judge Munger, of the federal court, had granted the annual injunction against the county treasurer of the state collecting the personal taxes due from the Burlington and Union Pacific last year, and will be kept up in all probability until the courts finally pass upon the tax law and the state board of equalization. Other railroads have paid their taxes without a whimper.

A Fine Store Room.

Joseph Fetzer moved his stock of goods to the Cox building, first door east of the Bank of Cass county, Saturday evening, and this morning opened up for business in his new home. Mr. Fetzer will certainly have a fine shoe store when he gets everything properly arranged. He carries a large line, and in fact the new room looks crowded, even before the new arrivals are opened, but he will be pleased to have his many friends and patrons call and see him in the new quarters as soon as possible, whether they need new and up-to-date footwear or not.

In conversation with Mr. Fetzer he tells us that he expects to carry a much larger and more complete line than ever before, and will be in a position to supply the wants of all, both in regard to price and quality, and a cordial invitation is extended to everyone to call and see him.

The Old, Old Story.

The annual story relative to corn stalk disease is again going the rounds. Many farmers over the state are losing cattle. The reason of this fatality is ascribed to various causes. Some stock raisers claim that "smut" among the corn is responsible, others think that certain poisonous ingredients in the soil is absorbed by the stalks whose root fibers are embedded therein. But the theory obtaining among the greatest number is that certain stock whose digestive apparatus is already slightly out of order eat the dry stalks which clog and pack in the stomach, greatly distending that organ and finally causing the death of the animal.

MORE ABOUT AMI B. TODD

A Member of a Prominent Pioneer Family of Cass County.

Speaking of Ami B. Todd, arrested in Denver Monday for alleged complicity in securing unlawful filings on government lands, is an old-time Cass county man, says the Lincoln News. He belonged to the Todd family that was one of the pioneer families in that county. He lived for many years at Plattsmouth, where for nine or ten years he was a member of the board of county commissioners.

When arrested Monday by a deputy United States marshal he waived examination before the United States commissioner in Denver and gave bond in the sum of \$2,000 to appear before the grand jury in Omaha next May.

The land fraud cases in which Todd is said to be mixed up are very extensive and cover government land in all parts of the state. The persons who operated the scheme, it is alleged, got widows to make filings for homesteads and afterwards got control of the lands by filing false affidavits after the widows had failed to take them up. The widows were innocent of the use being made of them. Some of the lands thus alleged to have been entered, constituted, it is claimed, a part of the 88,000 acres of fraudulent filings held by Bartlett, Richards and Company, who were recently fined \$300 each by Judge Munger.

Twenty-First Birthday.

A very enjoyable event occurred at the home of Frank Steppat Saturday evening, when his many friends very pleasantly surprised him. The occasion being the young man's 21st birthday. In a short time all were made to feel at home and were enjoying themselves in the best manner. The chief event of the evening was dancing, in which all took part very readily.

At a late hour an elegant luncheon was served, which was enjoyed by all. The enjoyment proceeded into the wee small hours, when the guests discovered that the hours only sped by too quickly for their satisfaction and they departed for their homes in jolly spirits wishing Mr. Steppat many happy returns of the day. Among those who enjoyed the social event were:

Misses Mary Kehne, Louise Kehne, Katie Kaffenberger, Maggie Kaffenberger, Maggie Weber, Millie Weidman, Josephine Yelkne, Emma Steppat, Martha Steppat, Anna Steppat, Grace Nolting, Ella Nolting. Messrs. Willie Kehne, August Kehne, George Kaffenberger, Gusto Herdman, Nick Todd, Russel Todd, Frank Steppat, Henry Starkjohn, Harvey Hanger, Cecil Thomas, Claire Thomas, Messrs. and Mesdames Ed. Steppat, Will Thomas, Chas. Barnhart, Fred Nolting, Willie Nolting, E. R. Todd, M. Steppat.

Nebraska at the Head.

Nebraska stands at the head in the list of states in the union when it comes to a ten year average on corn. The first three states in the list stand as follows: Nebraska, 36.2 bushels per acre; Illinois, 34.5 bushels per acre; Iowa, 32.2 per acre. Corn average is not the only thing hard to beat in Nebraska, but she can show them cards and spades one year with the other on most any kind of farm product raised within her borders. Especially so when it comes to Cass county. Nebraska is third in the list this year of states in average of corn crop. Illinois is first and Iowa second.

Broad-Day Light Theft.

Some dastardly sneak thief, without the fear of God or the city police, stole a blanket from one of the horses of W. M. Oliver while the team was standing on Main street Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock. The bold theft was reported to the police, but no clue to the perpetrator was gained. Mr. Oliver will pay \$5.00 for the apprehension of the thief and return of blanket.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Only One Week Yet—Saturday, December 9, 1905

ARE YOU DOING YOUR WHOLE DUTY?

Wake Up, and Let's Make It a Big Day for Plattsmouth.

Only one more week remains to arrange for the Farmers' Institute which meets in this city one week from today Saturday, December 9. Are the merchants and business men generally, who should be as much interested in the matter as any other class, doing their duty towards making the event a grand success?

Are they offering enough prizes to induce the corn growers of Cass county to bring in samples of corn for exhibition? The committee on arrangements have secured the room formerly occupied by Capt. Bennett as the place for holding the exhibit, and the awarding of prizes.

The farmers will do their duty if the business men of Plattsmouth will do theirs. They have got the corn and they can just as well bring it as not. They will enjoy the exhibits made from the different sections, whether there are any prizes offered or not, but it will not hurt any merchant in this old town to open his heart to the extent of offering a prize worth \$8 or \$10 for the best selection of corn brought to town for exhibition.

Good speakers will be here next Saturday. The Parmele theatre has been donated in which to hold the meetings. An excellent program has been prepared for the entertainment at the opera house both day and night and every farmer within a radius of fifteen miles of Plattsmouth who desires to learn something they do not know about farming, should be here.

Let us all get a move on us the next week and prepare to give the yeomanry of Cass county a grand, royal welcome to our city.

Mrs. Edgar Barker.

Minnie Ella Henton, daughter of Mrs. Lou Henton, was born near Blair, Neb., Oct. 12, 1881. She came to Cass county about the year 1893, and made her home with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Adams, near Mynard. She lived at this home until one year after her marriage to Mr. Edgar Barker, which occurred Jan. 15, 1902, and they lived in that vicinity until her death Nov. 25, 1905. Two weeks before her death her clothes caught fire and she was severely burned, which caused her death.

During the ministry of Rev. G. W. Ayers at Nebawka she was converted, and joined the Methodist church at Eight Mile Grove, living a consistent Christian life until her death. She is held in loving remembrance by all who came within the influence of her loving Christian character. Her death is mourned by a loving husband and mother, two younger sisters, Nora and Ina, one brother, Bert Henton of St. Joseph, Mo., and many friends who will look forward to the happy time when friends will be reunited in the loving presence of the Most High and the blessed fellowship of our dear Saviour. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, M. S. Foutch, at her home near Mynard, at 1 o'clock p. m., Monday, Nov. 27. Followed by many friends, her body was laid to rest in the Horman cemetery near the U. B. church at Liberty.

M. S. FOUTCH

Card of Thanks.

We wish to tender our most sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends who offered their services, for their sympathy and helpfulness in our sad affliction during the sickness, death and burial of our beloved wife and daughter.

EDGAR BARKER, MRS. LOU HENTON AND FAMILY, MR. AND MRS. J. H. ADAMS.

Shop Men Cut to Nine Hours.

The employes of the Burlington shops began Monday morning on a nine hour schedule. This order will be in force during the winter season, and affects between 500 and 700 employes. As the company is still employing new men every day, it is hard to understand why this cut is made at this time. The population of Plattsmouth has increased over one hundred at least by new men coming in to work in the shops, and many of them are men with families. Some of them have purchased property with the intention of making Plattsmouth their permanent home.

MISSOURI PACIFIC CHANGES

Manager Sullivan Makes Appointments and Shifts Men.

General manager A. W. Sullivan of the Missouri Pacific has announced five new appointments and a re-arrangement of divisions in the northern district. A circular notice was issued to the appointment of Horace Tyler as general superintendent of the southern division, succeeding W. T. Tyler, resigned. The other notices were of the following appointments:

J. Russell as superintendent of the Omaha division, with jurisdiction over the lines from Kansas City, Kan., to Virginia, and from Manager Junction to Leavenworth, with office at Kansas City, Kas. G. H. Sharp, as superintendent of the Joplin division, with offices at Nevada, Mo., succeeding J. M. Walsh as superintendent of the northern Kansas division, with office at Atchison.

The western division is abolished, and the Omaha and Kansas are re-arranged. The Omaha division is arranged as follows: Kansas City to Omaha, 204.16 miles; Nebraska City Junction to West Side Junction, 71.58 miles; Atchison to St. Joseph, 22.26 miles; Union to Lincoln, 47.63 miles; Talmage to Crete, 58.16 miles; Kansas City to Virginia, 160.73 miles, and Men Junction to Leavenworth, 12.53 miles, total of 577.07 miles. The division office is at Omaha.

The northern Kansas division is arranged as follows: Atchison to Leavenworth, 212.70 miles; Downs to Stockton, 14.60 miles; Jamestown to Burr Oak, 33.40 miles; Yuma to Prosser, 102.98 miles, and Greenleaf to Washington, 7 miles, a total of 477.68 miles. The division office is at Atchison.

Pope vs. Oberle.

Geo. Oberle, of Eagle, who was in town over Friday, was here in consultation with his attorney in regard to the suit filed against Mr. Oberle by Jack Pope of Greenwood. It will be remembered that Mr. Oberle won a similar case brought by the Pope children at the November term of court last year. Then the children were suing for damages owing to non-support by their father, Jack Pope claims he became intoxicated from liquors sold him by Mr. Oberle and in going home fell from his wagon and broke his leg, and now for this injury he thinks Mr. Oberle should pay a large sum of money. Mr. Oberle denies that the wet goods were purchased at his place in Greenwood. The case will come up at the next term of court, and Matthew Gering will appear for defendant and County Attorney Rawls and Byron Clark for plaintiff.

A FINE ENTERTAINMENT

Miss Mae Patterson and Her Mother Agreeably Surprised.

Miss Mae Patterson and her mother were very pleasantly surprised, although a little frightened at first, by some of their friends Saturday evening. The merry-makers all came masked and with their arms full of good things to eat made their way into the house and claimed Mrs. and Miss Patterson as their prisoners. The ladies soon recovered from their shock and discovered who their guests were. The evening was spent in social games and conversation and at a late hour the guests departed. Those present were: Mrs. Hasse, Mrs. Dutton, Miss Thresham, Miss Wood, Helen Clark, Beatrice Hasse, Margaret Hodget, George Anderson, Theodore Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Swearingen, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay, Will Ramsay, Tom Swearingen, Wayne and Clyde Murphy, Mrs. T. H. Pollock, Ellen Pollock, Mrs. Emery and daughter of Lincoln, Mrs. Susie Smith, Birdella Smith and Charlie Patterson, of Asbland.

Oyster Supper.

The Mynard Woodmen camp will give an oyster supper at their hall Tuesday evening, December 12, to which all are invited to attend and enjoy a social evening.

The First Requisite of Beauty.

The first requisite of beauty is a clear complexion. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup clears a sallow blotched complexion as it stimulates the liver and bowels, and the eyes become bright and clear. You owe it to your friends to take it if your complexion is bad. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup does not nauseate or gripe and is very pleasant to take. Refuse substitutes. F. G. Fricke & Co.

Dr. Marshall, Dentist, guaranteed work.