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JOTTINGS FOR THE JOLLY FIFTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY

Short Paragraphs Prepared and Purlined For the Readers of the Journal.

The man who simply sits and waits for good to come along. Ain't worth the breath one would take to tell him he is wrong. For good ain't flowin' round this world. For every fool to say: You've got to put your feet on. An' go an' hunt it up.

An obligation of any sort is a mortgage on your time.

Bartenders always have a smile for the man with the coin.

Even sensible men like to nibble at flattery once in a while.

When a man is in the right, he can afford to wait his turn.

An eloquent prayer doesn't get any higher than the other kind.

Too many men pray for the things they are too lazy to work for.

Once in a while the man who is too lazy to work poses as a reformer.

Most men who are willing to do good are not in a position to make good.

Any man who trusts to his cunning for success is next door to a thief.

Three in a game of love makes it more interesting than satisfactory.

Be sure you are right but don't be too sure that everybody else is wrong.

Some men can argue a point for half a day without offering one good reason.

Don't grasp new theories while they are red hot. Wait until they cool off.

What this country needs is less enactment of laws and more enforcement.

The "I told you" of his friends adds to the hardness of the way of the transgressor.

The man who exceeds you in politeness is a better man than you are for the time being.

A shrewd man may be both wise and honest, but the odds are against his being either.

Don't expect others to think well of you unless you are that kind of a thinker yourself.

Some men in this old town do many things that they would not if their wives only knew them better.

There are some people who don't like this column because it "hits the nail on the head" too frequently to suit them.

Some people whose characters are as black as the hinges of hades are always snooping around endeavoring to find company.

If a woman refused to marry a man until she investigated his past life it's ten to nothing she'd pass him up after acquiring the information.

If some men in this old town only knew one-half as much as they think they do, it would take a very large bound volume to tell all of it.

The ice crop has gone glimmering among the things that were, and many tons will have to be shipped in to supply the demand next summer.

There are many men who need reformation, but it is not the mission of one "who has been there himself" in all its colorings to reform them. The "old soaks" laugh at such hypocrisy.

There does not seem to be so much street walking done by young girls after night as formerly. This is as it should be. Tighten the reins on your girls, parents, and it will be for the best.

A reform wave has struck Plattsmouth. The only reform that lasts long, is the one where a person makes up his mind to reform himself. Influenced reformation don't last as long as a snowball would in the lower regions of hades.

It would appear from present indications that the hinges are to be secured to put on the "lid" in Plattsmouth. They will be of the strap variety and will be bolted on with wrought iron nails and clinched into the wood.

A soda water vender informed the writer a few days ago, that he sold soda last season at a profit of a half a cent a glass, and that if the advance was made in ice, that is promised, people will have to take more wind in their soda, or learn to drink it hot.

A bald head is not necessarily the sign of brains or talent. There is a man in Plattsmouth whose head is as destitute of hair as a peeled onion and his skull is so hard and his head so empty that he should wear a husher in his hat to keep it from clanking when he puts it on.

There is a certain man, and he is not a single man either, who wants to look out. His acts a few nights ago were not in anywise becoming, and if we catch him in the same act again, there will be something drop and drop hard. Ever after that his wife will keep a tight rein on him after night-fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Moore Celebrate the Event in a Most Happy Manner.

MANY OF THEIR FRIENDS IN ATTENDANCE

And It Proved a Most Enjoyable Event to all Who Participated.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Moore, who have been valued citizens of Plattsmouth for many years, were glad to accept the original and artistic invitations sent out by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Moore to celebrate the fifty-third anniversary of their happy married life. Scarcely anyone would imagine that this couple had come to their semi-centennial celebration, so youthful an appearance do both of them present, but we were assured that such was the fact.

The guests assembled early in the afternoon were met at the door by George and Martha Washington, cleverly costumed by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Moore. Mrs. Ella Richardson of Omaha, assisted by Mrs. Will Streight, Miss Anna Heisel, Miss Olive Gass and Miss Capitola Black, who were all in costume befitting the day, assisted through the rooms and introduced the bride and groom, who, seated under a canopy of green, made their friends welcome and received their congratulations on this notable and happy event. Many exclamations of pleasure were heard at the beautiful arrangements of the parlors, daylight being excluded, and the many candles shedding a soft glow over the beautiful flowers and gala array of the guests.

Formality was thrown aside, and the utmost spirit of enjoyment prevailed. According to request on invitations, most of those present were prepared with a story, original or otherwise, which were told in an effective manner and added greatly to the pleasant program prepared by the hosts.

Mrs. Wise received the prize for her original poem on the courtship of Curtis and Emma, which she averred had been revealed to her in a dream.

Each one present was required to write on a card their true age. Mrs. Davis, aged eighty-nine, easily carried off the beautiful bouquet offered for the oldest lady, while Mr. Salisbury owned up to being the youngest gentleman present and received a bunch of green carnations.

Some delightful music and delicious refreshments, in which "The Day We Celebrate" was in evidence, in the cocked hat, napkins, and ices shaped in forts, and the guests departed, leaving beautiful gifts and hearty congratulations, and bearing away pleasant memories of the birthday of our country's father, and the fifty-third wedding anniversary of Curtis and Emma Moore.

To Curtis and Emma.

Curtis said to Emma, in 1830
I've long been looking for a wife—
Do you think you could marry me?
"This is so sudden," she murmured;
He turned away in despair,
He hurried away in despair,
This frightened her into submission
For fear he would not again dare.

So she called—"Oh, Curtis, I'm thinking!
Perhaps we are both rather young
To think of our fortunes linking."
But around her arms then he flung,
And he said, "you are mine and mine only,
To the person's at once let us go,
No more will my hours be lonely
If you will consent to do so."

So Emma consented—they married
Over fifty long years ago.
Each other's burdens they've carried
Together through weal and through woe.
Some shadows have crossed o'er their path—
Some clouds have obscured the sunlight,
But together they watched for a new day
When apart 'twould have been darkest night.

And today we are charmed to be with them,
We are glad to be a guest
In their crown of friendship one more gem
His diamond of love re-set.
And so today we know
The man of cherry tree fame
The wedding of Curtis and Emma
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Left Monday.

R. H. Chrisweiser called Saturday and ordered the Journal sent to him at Beaver City, Neb. Instead of Murray, as heretofore. There was quite a number left here Monday to make their future homes in Furnas county, among whom are B. L. Shrader, Roy Shrader, Frank Linville, R. H. Chrisweiser and Tom Padew, together with their families. Most of these gentlemen were born and reared in Cass county, all belonging to some of the best families in the county, and the Journal wishes them success in their new homes.

WILL SURRENDER CHARTER

The Knights of Pythias Lodge of This City Will Shortly Cease to Exist.

MEMBERS THINK IT THE PROPER STEP

But Few of the Members Left to Keep Up the Organization.

A little band of the "faithful to the last" met at Perry's restaurant on Friday night last to enjoy, perhaps, for the last time as members of the Plattsmouth lodge. There were sixteen present to enjoy the banquet, and it was no doubt with regret that they considered this their last social gathering, but the Journal is informed by one of the members that one more meeting will be held before surrendering their charter.

This movement has been contemplated for some time, but the few faithful have held on firmly in the belief that the tide of prosperity would turn in their favor and that it would again become one of the most thrifty lodges in the city, but it seems fate has decreed otherwise. There are always many causes for the downfall of legitimate and benevolent orders, and many of these causes seem to have gained admittance into the lodge room of the Plattsmouth K. P.'s, and it is easily to be seen why the lodge has decreased in membership to that of only a few of the "brave men" who have stood by their guns through all these trying hours until surrender became a necessity. The writer has known several such instances. For a number of years he was a K. P., but when he saw that so many "leeches" were getting in to such the life-blood from the organization, he became tired of assisting those who were too lazy to make a living for their families, and "stepped down and out," after he had told the members "what was what" in terms that were fully understood. The same thing that has come very nearly pulling down many other lodges, has succeeded in completing its work in the Plattsmouth lodge.

Men who join a lodge simply to derive sick benefits therefrom is not a good thing in any sense of the term. Men who have drawn these benefits to the amount of several hundred dollars in the trying hour have dropped out and have left the few braves to "hold the sack," when they should be the very ones to rush to the front and give it aid in this, the hour of the "trying ordeal." The lesson taught them in the story of Damon and Pythias has but little effect upon such members, and they should never have been accepted as members. They evidently never did understand what "F. B. C." meant.

Well, the Journal regrets to see the boys disband, and in the long run it may be for the best. Those who remained faithful to the last are "brave men" in the true sense of the term, and in surrendering their charter they do so with the hope that at some future time a new lodge may spring up to take the place of the old one, but upon very different plans of "taking in deadheads," who join only for selfish benefits.

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GREENWOOD DEPOT BURNED

The Burlington Station Entirely Consumed by Fire.

A special from Greenwood, under date of February 23, says: "The Burlington depot burned here shortly after 6 o'clock tonight. The fire gained a good headway before it was discovered and it was with great difficulty that the flames were prevented from communicating to the neighboring elevator of Rallsback Bros. The loss to the railroad property is total.

It was supposed that the fire originated from a spark from an engine, passenger train Nos. 14 and 3 having passed just before the fire was noticed. The telegraph wires were burned in two and all main line communication was stopped. The company sent a crew of linemen and workmen up from Lincoln and the ends of the wires were tied together and a temporary depot office established in a box car."

Interesting Lectures.

The lecture given by Col. C. J. Holt at the Methodist church last night, was largely attended, in fact, the largest house that Col. Holt has ever received the first night.

His subject last evening was, "How are we drifting, and where are we going," and was intensely interesting.

This afternoon he will deliver a lecture on "How and by whom," and you should not fail to attend if you desire to hear something that is elevating as well as instructive.

He will give an illustrated lecture tonight on the subject "This time 20 years ago, yesterday, today and tomorrow." He will also lecture at the Methodist church tomorrow afternoon and by request of Rev. Salisbury will lecture tomorrow night at the Presbyterian church.

District Court.

In the case of Mrs. Katie Johnson vs. Louis Boedeker, the court decided the issue in favor of the defendants.

The action of Geo. A. Adams Grain Co. vs. John Tighe was continued over the term.

In the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Lou Taylor, et al., the plaintiff took exception to a motion to dismiss appeal, and said motion was overruled.

In the case of Hugh Murphy vs. the City of Plattsmouth, the plaintiff took exceptions to a motion by the defendants for judgment in favor of the city, which motion was overruled.

In the action to foreclose mortgage by C. L. Brown against William Wade, et al., the issue was decided in favor of the plaintiff.

On the motion of the defendant in the case of John Pope vs. William Oberle was continued over to the next term of court at defendant's cost. Those present as witnesses for the plaintiff were E. B. Craig, Frank Rouse and N. D. Talcott, of Greenwood, and T. F. Carnes, of Eagle.

The case of Hugh Murphy vs. the city of Plattsmouth, is destined, it seems, to become historic. It took another turn Friday morning in district court, after further argument by the counsels, when the court instructed the jury to return a verdict in favor of the plaintiff Murphy for the sum of \$241.00. This suit originally grew out of a dispute over a balance which Murphy claimed was due him for constructing the pavement on Sixth street. The case was tried once before in the district court when a judgment was then rendered in favor of Murphy in the sum of \$570.00; was appealed to the supreme court for six months, when the case was reversed and sent back for a new trial, and the verdict under the instruction of the court for \$241.00, as above referred to, is the result of this last trial. It will no doubt be appealing again to the supreme court.

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In Honor of Mrs. Tutt.

Friday afternoon the home of Mrs. P. E. Ruffner was the scene of a very pleasant five o'clock tea, given in honor of Mrs. Matie Tutt, who will soon leave for her future home at Great Falls, Montana. The time was very pleasantly spent in social conversation, and many regrets were expressed concerning the departure of their tried and true friend from their midst. At the appointed hour the guests were served to a most delectable repast by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Roy Dodge.

AWARDED THE CITY SCHOOLS

The Bronze Medal From the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Has Arrived.

The bronze medal awarded the city schools by the Louisiana Purchase Exposition reached the board of education Thursday. The medal is two and one-half inches in diameter.