

ENJOY MID-WINTER PICNIC

Ladies of Auxiliary and Friends Partake of Excellent Dinner at Gamble Home.

THE "FIVE HUNDRED" CLUB ENTERTAINS

A Successful Box Social Given by Young Ladies of Methodist Church at McBride Home.

Ladies Auxiliary Give a Dinner.

The hospitable home of County Superintendent and Mrs. J. W. Gamble was the rendezvous last evening of some forty people—the occasion for the gathering being in response to an invitation to the husbands and gentlemen friends of the ladies auxiliary to partake of a dinner and social evening. In the afternoon the ladies assembled at Wurl's store from which place, a carriage conveyed them to the Gamble home, and at 6 o'clock the gentlemen either boarded the "hoodlum" wagon at the above store, or resorted to the pedestrian stunts to join the merry crowd of ladies. All those to brave the wintry weather, soon felt at home in the spacious and cozy rooms, where amid much merriment, partners were secured for supper, and the disagreeable elements outside of the house forgotten.

All hastened toward the dining room with pleasant anticipations of the feast in store for them, when it was announced that those drawing numbers above ten would have to wait until the second table. This was somewhat disappointing to those who had to wait, but in a short time they were consoling themselves with the fact that they would not have to hurry from the table, in order to make way for others. At the first table Rev. J. H. Salsbury presided, while W. A. Swearingen assumed this responsibility at the second table. The serving was gracefully carried on by Misses Vesta Eaton, Bernice Newell and Hazel Doney, assisted at the first table by "Brick" who also had the cap and apron of the full fledged waiter, and who also assisted Mrs. J. H. Donnelly in the supervision of the "cuisine."

After indulging in the abundance of eatables, the supper came to an end and the dish washing was instituted. Into this act the gentlemen were involved, but with some smiling countenances and faithful work this unexpected task was soon disposed of, to be followed by music, and other forms of amusement. The entertainment of the evening culminated in a dress parade—the gentlemen appearing in ladies capes, coats, veils and headgear, while the ladies assumed the overcoats and caps belonging to the gentlemen. "Brick" was something ludicrous to behold in feminine accessories, and it is safe to say that he would have carried off the prize, if there had been any.

That the ladies of the auxiliary are most excellent entertainers was fully demonstrated, and with many regrets that such enjoyable affairs can not be prolonged indefinitely, the participants took leave of the host and hostess.

Enjoyable Affair at Dovey Home.

The members of the Five-Hundred club were delightfully entertained last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dovey, by Miss Margaret. The affair was in the nature of a farewell party to Miss Ida Pearlman, who is soon to leave for her future home in Omaha. At progressive five-hundred, the evening hours were pleasantly whiled away, and in this contest, Miss Ruth Johnson won the honors.

An elegant five-course luncheon served by Misses Elizabeth Falter and Catherine Dovey followed this entertaining game, and after enjoying a very sociable time, the merry makers expressed their appreciation of the evening, and bade Miss Ida good night, wishing her much happiness in the city that has been selected for a home. Those to take part in the occasion were Misses Gretchen Donnelly, Emma Falter, Ellen Windham, Zetta Brown, Margaret Mauzy, Ruth Johnson, Ida Pearlman, Frances Weidman, Helen Dovey, Gladys Sullivan and Gladys Marshall.

Entertained at Box Social.

The Social Workers, a society of young women of the M. E. church, met last evening at the home of Mrs. J. D. McBride and entertained as guests their husbands and gentlemen friends. The principal entertainment provided for the evening was a short program, followed by a box social. Miss Josephine Graves, a graduate of the elocutionary department of the Fremont Normal school, was present and favored the gathering with several interesting readings, and selections by E. H. Wescott and Miss Etha Crabbill also assisted in promoting the enjoyable time that prevailed throughout the evening.

Between thirty and thirty-five young people participated in the pleasant

social time and partook of the delicious luncheon, which followed a guessing game that produced much merriment. The social was considered a decided success in view of the inclemency of the weather and the amount of sickness that exists at this time in the city.

A NEW ORDER OF THINGS

Rural Mail Boxes to be Numbered Hereafter, According to Late Reports.

According to the Lincoln News, Postmaster Sizer, of that city, has been notified that it has been ordered by the postoffice department, for public convenience and to facilitate a more accurate handling of mail by rural free delivery carriers, that each rural mail box in use on a rural route, which, under the regulations, is entitled to service, shall be designated by number.

This is the proposed system against which associations of retail merchants all over the country have for many months been protesting, claiming that it will entail the big catalogue houses to flood the country with their advertising advertisements and thus injure or destroy the retailers' business everywhere. In calling attention to this order Postmaster Sizer is sending out to all rural delivery patrons a notice designating the official number of each and requesting that the same be at once legibly and durably inscribed in a conspicuous place on the outside of the box, the figures to be not less than one and one-half inches in height and inscribed with durable paint. Immediate compliance with the order is requested.

All mail addressed to patrons should bear the name, as well as the box number, as mail addressed simply to the box number is not mailable or deliverable. Patrons are asked to notify publishers of any paper they receive and your correspondents generally of box numbers. The regulations provide that: "No box shall be approved for use on rural routes which is not provided with a suitable signal which, although it may be comparatively simple and inexpensive, is durable and so designed and attached as to fully serve the purpose of indicating whether or not there is mail in the box."

"Rural mail boxes and their contents are protected by federal statute from willful or malicious damage or depredation, and postmasters will promptly report to the department depredations on or interference with rural mail boxes, or their contents, which come to their notice, with all the facts obtainable in connection therewith."

"The following inscriptions only are permitted to appear on approved boxes, viz: The name of owner and number of box; name and address of manufacturer, inconspicuously placed; the words 'Approved by the postmaster general; U. S. mail.'"

"Each box must be erected by the roadside, so that carrier can easily obtain access to it without deviating from route or dismounting from his vehicle."

"Persons neglecting or refusing to comply with the conditions herein set forth will be regarded as not desiring rural delivery and the rural carrier will be directed not to serve them."

It will be noted that the order has been so modified that matter which does not contain the name of the person to whom sent is not deliverable, which seems to remove the objections of retailers.

The Schoolma'am.

The Fremont Herald pays the following glowing tribute to the female school teachers, which meets the approval of the Journal in every word uttered:

"It is not difficult to observe a growing tendency to praise the schoolma'am. Leading writers, preachers, lecturers and thinkers speak more kindly, more gently and more frequently of her than ever before."

"Why?" "We shall scarcely undertake the task of giving the reasons. It would not be difficult, however, to give many, offhand. Certain it is that every intelligent father and mother who believes in education know many good reasons. Every person who loves to see knowledge thrive and children expand has many reasons."

"Every boy and girl now grown up who recalls the many hours of patient effort which some kind young woman gave to instill in the childish mind the higher and better thoughts understands. Indeed, it is only those who have never been privileged to know by actual experience or by observation what a great work the teacher of the present day is doing who fails to appreciate her fully."

"We hope the day will come that more general attention will be directed to the work of the schoolmistress, and more appreciation shown her in a material as well as a social way. Payer well. There is no one employed in this great country today who gives so much that is good and takes so little in return as the schoolma'am."

Wool Dress Goods 15c a yard, worth up to 40c, at Coates Dry Goods Co.'s Unloading Sale.

A VERY UNUSUAL ACCIDENT

Steel Rim and Not the Flange of the Car Wheel Broken.

The Lincoln Journal gives the following account of an unusual accident which happened near Ravenna: "The breaking of a steel rim on a car wheel under a coach in train No. 44 near Ravenna Monday evening, which nearly wrecked one end of the coach and imperilled the lives of passengers in the car, was one of the unusual accidents in railroading. So far as a number of Burlington men who were questioned can remember this is the first of the kind happening on the lines west of the river. It is not an infrequent occurrence for a flange to break, but for a steel rim to break and carry with it in breaking a part of the wheel through the floor of the car with force enough to wreck a large part of the car, is unusual. Steel rimmed car wheels are regarded as the best and least liable to break of any in the service. It will be noted that the break came while the train was in motion and at a time of low temperature."

"Passengers who were on the train say the accident might have been likened to a huge cannon ball tearing a gap through the bottom of the car and carrying before it such obstruction as happened to be in its way. Luckily the two seats wrecked by the part of the wheel coming through the floor of the car were unoccupied, else there would have been injuries if not fatalities to record. One woman sitting near one of the wrecked seats, lost a part of her apparel in the accident, the wreckage making a great rent in her gown and carrying part of it away."

"The accident happened one and one-quarter miles west of Ravenna, and it required one hour and a quarter to get the train into town after being stopped. The broken car wheel hung along for some distance over the rails and ties before being stopped."

Murder at Alliance.

A special from Alliance, under date of January 29, says: "Roy Barnes, son of T. H. Barnes of the Burlington dining room stations in this section, was shot and killed by Roy Maynard, a former employe of the dining room, this afternoon at 4:30. Three shots were fired at Barnes, all of them taking effect. Two ranged through the neck and one into the breast. Maynard gave himself into the custody of the city officials and was later taken to the county jail by Sheriff Winter. The shooting was considered deliberate and unprovoked."

"Maynard is about twenty-one years of age. He came to Alliance several days ago and commenced work in the dining room. He was under the influence of liquor today and was discharged. He returned later and was ordered out of the room. Refusing to go, he was shoved out. This angered him and he turned and fired three shots at Barnes."

Medal Contest

Medal contest will be held at the Christian church, Friday, Feb. 1st at 7:30 p. m. Admission 10c. The contest will be very close, as the class is a remarkably even one. Let everyone come out and give the children the inspiration of your presence and interest in their work.

Contestants—Misses Hazel Tuey, Marie Douglass, Mildred Cummins, Maude Kuhney, Marguerite Thomas, Messrs John Isbell, Bennie Windham, Don Seiver. Following is the program: Entrance Chorus.....Miss Tuey, Leader
No. 1. Recitation.....Rev. Zink
Chorus.....Miss Tuey
No. 2. Recitation.....Mr. McElwain
Solo.....Miss Tuey
No. 3. Recitation.....Mr. McElwain
No. 4. Recitation.....Miss Tuey
Duet.....Mrs. Moran and Mr. McElwain
No. 5. Recitation.....Miss Tuey
Chorus.....Miss Tuey
No. 6. Recitation.....Miss Tuey
Solo.....Mrs. Gamble
No. 7. Recitation.....Miss Tuey
Illustrated Effects of Tobacco.....Chester Tuey
Presentation of Medal.....Congregation
"America".....Congregation
Benediction.....Congregation

Injunction Suit Dismissed.

The injunction suit of John Schappacasse vs. McMaken & Son, was dismissed yesterday afternoon by the plaintiff. At the time of filing the case, a restraining order was granted by Judge Travis to prevent the defendants from interfering with the plaintiff in the harvest of ice from the same slough, situated west of the main channel of the Missouri river.

After securing the protection of the court in order to cut from the same field as McMaken, the plaintiff, Schappacasse, was unable to obtain sufficient assistance to carry on the work, until today.

Conditions Have Been Serious.

Conditions have been so serious on the Northern Pacific recently that that road warned the Burlington to send no cars on the through trains that were not equipped with independent heating plants, as well as with steam heating pipe from the engine. The liability of a train being buried in a snow drift and the engine being unable to afford heat for the train, made railroad men cautious about the kind of equipment used in Northern Pacific trains.

Cedar Creek Couple Married.

The proper papers were issued today to Louis Keil and Miss Christine Schroeder, both of Cedar Creek. The ceremony was performed by Judge H. D. Travis in the presence of H. J. Schroeder, a brother of the bride, and Miss Olga Keil, a sister of the groom. The groom is a son of J. P. Keil and is a prosperous young farmer, who has been reared in this vicinity. The bride is a daughter of Jorgen Schroeder. The best wishes of the Journal follow Mr. and Mrs. Keil to their future home near Cedar Creek.

WHAT IS A MEDAL CONTEST?

An Enthusiast Gives a Full Definition of the Meaning of Same.

(To the Editor of The Journal)

I have had so many inquiries about the "Medal Contest" that if you can give the space I will give a few words of explanation.

The plan was originated by Mr. W. Jennings Demorest of New York in 1896, and in less than three years it had spread from ocean to ocean, and from the lakes to the gulf; into Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Australia, South Africa, China, Norway and Burma.

Mr. Demorest's idea was to present temperance truths in attractive guise to large audiences. The W. C. T. U. was not slow to recognize the value of this splendid educational system, and adapted it to their many lines of work and in 1897 the Demorest and W. C. T. U. systems were united, and the recitation books contain orations on Prohibition, Total Abstinence, Scientific Temperance, Anti-Narcotics, Franchise, Mercy, etc.

The number of medals awarded the last ten years is over 30,000 and 170,000 young people have proclaimed the principles of temperance from public platforms, in friendly rivalry for these medals. The medal contest can overcome indifference and opposition to our principles faster and surer than any other human force, for all want to bear the children speak, and thus the best arguments of our able writers and speakers are poured into willing ears and understanding hearts that would be closed against these utterances by the authors themselves. Many societies, schools and Epworth Leagues are taking up the medal contests as an educational feature. It can develop in the many the great art of expression. Second only to having the truth to tell is the art of telling it with winning power, and we teach civic righteousness, which is the truest patriotism. O. M.

Theatre Change.

Woodward & Burgess have disposed of their lease to the Overland theatre in Nebraska City to the Commercial club of that city, which took charge today. Roy C. Emory, who has been the Burgess local manager, goes to Chicago, where he has been placed in charge of one of their theatres at that place. Mr. Charles Rolfe has been appointed manager by the Commercial club and will have charge of the house. It is thought the Commercial club will take a lease of the house for the next three years and place Mr. Rolfe in charge during that time. Mr. Rolfe was formerly manager of the house prior to last year.

Burlington to Reduce Time.

The Omaha News says that while it is not officially announced, it is reported that Burlington is making arrangements to have its fast mail train from Chicago reach Omaha earlier in the morning than it is now arriving.

When the Rock Island secured the local fast mail contract from the Burlington through the arrangement of an Englewood connection, which made it possible for the former road to reach Omaha fifteen minutes earlier in the day than the Burlington, Burlington officials were compelled to consider an earlier arrival in Omaha with the eastern mail, fearing that they might lose their mail contracts.

It is understood that the Burlington has arranged in Chicago to transfer eastern mail delivered by the New York Central and save twenty minutes' time. Possibly more time will be made up by the arrangements now being planned.

Don't Be Sour.

Be cheerful; and if you can't be cheerful be as cheerful as you can. It is not only justice to your fellow man, but it is that and more to you. Pickles are all right in their place, but they are not good for steady diet. They injure the digestion. So does a sour face. It isn't fit to wear anywhere except to a funeral, and it certainly offers no great comfort to the chief mourners there.

Your friends' faces are only mirrors to reflect your own countenance. If they look sour to you, a French plate would do the same thing. If you find a pleasant smile in every face you could also find one in the gurgling water by the spring.

Two days' treatment free. Ring's Dyspepsia Tablets for impaired digestion, impure breath, perfect assimilation of food, increased appetite. Do not fail to avail yourself of the above offer. Sold by Gering & Co's drug

"UNCLE" NED BAKER DEAD

Characteristic Colored Citizen Passes Away Last Night After a Brief Illness.

RESIDED IN THIS CITY THIRTY YEARS

Was One of the Refugees of a Boat Load Shipped From the South in 1878.

After an illness of short duration, "Uncle" Ned Baker, an old slave who has been a conspicuous figure upon the streets of Plattsmouth for about thirty years, passed across the river, to his rest, about 9 o'clock last night.

"Uncle Ned," as he was known to nearly everyone in this vicinity, was one of the old slaves brought to this city on a boat load of refugees from the south in the year 1878. One other passenger that was among the number brought to this city in that year, and who still resides in this city is Mrs. Grace Johnson, a sister to the deceased.

In regard to the slavery days before the war of the rebellion, "Uncle" Ned has always been ready to converse. His birthplace is generally conceded to be near Vicksburg, Miss., but the exact date is not known. He was about seventy-nine years of age at the time of his death, which resulted from exposure and his infirmities.

Many tales have been recounted in regard to the manner he was crippled, but from his explanation at various times when asked concerning this, it would seem that the injury was the result of a fall while wrestling when he was about sixteen years old. At the outbreak of the war he became a camp follower of one of the union armies in the south.

During his residence in this city he had a fruit stand for several years and afterwards, with a basket of eatables, visited the merchants and made the trains, selling popcorn and peanuts to the passengers, who learned to watch for him when passing through this city.

The funeral of the deceased will be held some time tomorrow, the hour as yet not having been set. The county will take charge of the burial.

Child Labor in the Legislature.

The special correspondent of the Omaha Bee from Lincoln, in speaking of the child labor bill, says: "By passing the Clarke child labor bill the house this morning placed itself in a very awkward position, and unless it sweeps from the pay roll at once a number of pages who, under the provisions of the bill, should be in school, it becomes, in spirit at least, a law breaker. Under the terms of this bill, which it passed almost unanimously, the house breaks the law every day it keeps on the payroll a boy under 14 years of age; it repudiates its own action every day it fails to keep posted in a conspicuous place a certificate showing the names of the boys under 16 years old it employs; it sets an example for lawlessness every time it compels a page under 14 to work more than forty-eight hours each week; its members are subject to fine, or will be should the bill pass the senate and be signed by the governor, every time they send a page to the bill room for a bill after 7 o'clock in the evening or ask him to work before 7 in the morning. Unless the person in charge of the pages under 16 keeps a record posted in a conspicuous place showing how much time each boy takes off for his meals and the hours he works, every member of the house is subject to arrest."

In Honor of Pearlman.

At the home of the Pepperbergs a pleasant gathering occurred yesterday afternoon, in response to invitations to spend the afternoon with Mrs. Pearlman and daughter, Miss Ida. The afternoon was devoted to music and social conversation, followed by an elegant four course dinner, at which covers were laid for ten. At the close of the enjoyable afternoon, which was interspersed with expressions of regret that the Pearlman's were to leave our community and wishes that they would experience much happiness in Omaha, the ladies departed for their several homes.

Veterinary Bill Defeated.

The original veterinary bill, which would have given all veterinarians who had practiced the profession in the state for ten years, the right to practice and the right to the title of "Veterinary Surgeon," was defeated in the legislature yesterday. This does not stop here, as those who are cut out by the defeat of the measure, expect to carry the matter to the supreme court, and expect to fight for his rights, if they have to carry on the war for years.

OUR ANNUAL PANT SALE

begins February 1st. These pants are odds and ends left over from the year's business. If you can find your size among them you can save from \$1 to \$3 on every pair. Four lots:

\$1.50 - \$2 - \$2.50 - \$3

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"Where Quality Counts."

Blue Laws for Malvern.

Malvern, Ia., is one of the best towns in southwest Iowa, and has always been considered one of the best business towns of its size in the state, but, like many towns, it sometimes overdoes itself, and if the following special from that city is true, it is guilty of inaugurating some of the blue laws enforced in New England two hundred years ago:

"Malvern is tasting the effects of blue laws, the authorities prohibiting the sale on Sunday of many articles. Hotels and restaurants can only serve regular meals. Oyster stews are under the ban. Milk can be sold only until 11 o'clock in the forenoon and after 3 in the afternoon. Newspapers, cigars and tobacco are tabooed."

In Honor of Bride and Groom.

A reception in honor of the newly wedded couple, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Keil, was given at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Keil, near Cedar Creek last evening. Only a limited number of relatives and friends were present but the occasion proved a most enjoyable one. After enjoying a few hours in "tripping the light fantastic," the merry crowd sat down to a table which fairly groaned under its weight of the many good things prepared for the event. One who was there says it was a grand affair and that Uncle Peter and his excellent lady enjoyed the affair as well as any of those present and thus greeted their new daughter in a most becoming manner.



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