

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION ADJOURNS

An Exceedingly Interesting Session Last Friday Closes the Convention.

E. C. KNAPP PLEASES EVERYBODY

The Delegates Tender Thanks to Plattsmouth People in General.

Friday afternoon, the convention was called to order promptly at one o'clock, and was opened by singing and prayer, after which was heard Mrs. Marvella Howland deliver a paper on the teachers meeting which was concise to the point and offered a way whereby all the teachers could be lined up on the lesson in a manner that their teaching would be a unit and the blow struck would be effective. Mrs. Howland's paper showed deep thought and thorough preparation.

Then followed an address by Mrs. G. M. Porter, as to how she succeeded with her class. When she arose to speak, she showed a little timidity, but was reassured by the strict attention and eager interest manifested, and launched into her subject in a way that was convincing, telling how she had, without any members to begin with, had collected together a class of young men numbering upwards of thirty members, and had now on hand part of the necessary funds which they are collecting to build a room onto the church building for a meeting place for the class, who are proud to call her their teacher.

E. H. Wescott followed by telling how he maintained a class of young men, also, and had built a room for them and had it furnished, and the series of lectures, which he had, through his many friends, furnished for them, and of the many good things that he had in store for them in the future.

These talks by the people we know, and of the interest which is unselfish and show real sacrifice on their part, tells more and strikes a harder blow in the cause of the Sunday school than all the finely presented theories of which we have no real knowledge. Following these a short recess was taken after which under the head of "The Superintendent from Forty Sides," Mr. E. C. Knapp answered the questions, of which there were forty on a printed slip, one of which was "How can he get enough teachers?" The most pertinent reply was—train them, have a training or normal class, with more teachers on hand than can be used, and them waiting for a class, instead of the class waiting for a teacher. "How can he use printer's ink to advantage?" This was answered, by having printed the programs of the Sunday schools and the auxiliary organizations, have invitations printed and sent to those whom are desired to get to attend, and also those who are already members. "How can he get the boys and girls into the church?" On this he said it was the duty of the teachers to do this, and that the superintendent should know his school so well that he can coach teachers, mostly by a suggestive question as "How about Bessie? or Henry? or Frank or Clara? When is she going to come into the church?" "How can he make the opening exercises more interesting?" By being prepared with a full knowledge as to what is going to be done and be interested in it himself.

After the time had elapsed which had been devoted to this department, Mr. Knapp said that at the evening meeting he would give an address of an hour and then an offering would be taken, and if there anyone left to speak to he would give a short talk on "Ten reasons why the boy left Sunday school."

Evening Session
Mr. Knapp then answered the ten reasons why the boys left the Sunday School. First: The Sunday School is poky. He showed that in order to interest the boys you must have something that is interesting and must be interested in it yourself and not have a mask which you dominate Christianity, but you must be the real thing. Second:

Teacher did not know me. This is often the case, but in order to get near enough to the boy to impart any of the teachings of the Master you must know him, and in order to have a message to impart you must know the members of your class. Third: Teacher did not care for him and showed it by being irregular. On this he showed that if the teacher really was interested in each scholar, he would be there just as regular as he would at his business. Fourth: Music was no good. This is a question which seems difficult to handle as those who furnish it of course think it fine, and the boy says it is the limit; and in many cases it is so awful that he will wait outside until it is over. Fifth: Teaching was negative and was all don't; he was not taught to do but not to do. Sixth: The boy was not encouraged. If he had any faults they were magnified and his good points were not noticed; the teacher forgets he is human. Seventh: Boy was given nothing to do. The boy full of life and activity wants to do something and rather than sit in the class and listen to the discussion of some creed, he will look for some way to get out of the school. Eighth: He was urged too tactlessly to become a christian. In this he was nagged at to join the "meeting house" and the beauties of a real christian life were not presented to him in a way that appealed to him. Ninth: He was not presented with a dignified and cheerful type of christianity. He was given the old foggy type with the long face, that never smiled. Tenth: The father did not go to Sunday School. The old adage is "if you want anything done, go, don't send," is very true in this case. The boy thinks his father is somewhere near right, and if the father goes, the boy can be induced to go cheerfully.

Thanking all for their attention, Mr. Knapp said the only thing that you can make a man out of is a boy. The committee on resolutions offered the following which were adopted:

Resolutions Adopted.
The Cass county Sunday Schools in convention assembled, take this means of thanking our friends and fellow workers for the service and encouragement given the association.
Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to the Young Men's club for the use of the piano during the convention.
Resolved, That we offer this resolution to the Nebraska Telephone company showing our appreciation of their kindness in donating the use of the telephone.
Resolved, That the convention extend our thanks to the speakers and all other workers for the able way they have conducted their part of the program.
Resolved, That we put forth more effort and give more time to the home department and the cradle roll for the coming year.
Resolved, That we solicit the earnest co-operation of the Sunday Schools of the county with the district superintendents for this year.
Resolved, That we extend to the good people of Plattsmouth our sincere thanks for the generous hospitality and cordial welcome we have received at their hands; also the good work of the reception committee in meeting the trains and introducing delegates

J. A. LEMING
W. W. WATKINS
JAMES STANDERS

Miss Mamie Haines was sick at her home in Lincoln, and her physician refuse to allow her to leave, and by a vote of the convention a telegram was sent her extending the sympathy of the convention.

Will Visit Old Home.

Mrs. Jacob Horn, better known as "Grandma" Horn, accompanied by Miss Anna Hassler, departed for Canton, Illinois, on the early Burlington train Monday, where they will visit at the home of J. W. Johnson, whose wife is a daughter of Mrs. Horn, and with other friends and relatives. Miss Anna will remain away for about ten days, as she cannot be longer away from her duties in the office of the Grand Recorder of the Degree of Honor. Mrs. Horn will not return for some time later and will visit at other places before coming home.

WAS FIFTY YEARS OLD

Celebrates the Event Sunday June 16 1907

Sunday being the date at which Mrs. William Hoffke, reached her fiftieth milestone, a large number of her friends collected at her home and surprised her and made a day long to be remembered as a day of enjoyment.

The time was spent in making the occasion a joyous one and refreshments were had at the proper time. A number of useful and beautiful presents were given. In the early evening all departed with the assurance that they had had a fine days pleasure, and had help make it a bright spot in the memory of their friend, Mrs. Hoffke. Those present were: Messrs and Mesdames John Lutz, Peter Madsen, J. H. Tamms, Claus Jess, August Bach, Hans Tams, Frank Rhene, Wm. and Peter Hoffke.

THE SPECTACLE GRAFTS

Some of Our Citizens Taken in by Them.

It appears that the spectacle graft is about the worst ever, and the non-descript merchants who travel from town to town make big profits. It is asserted that they get all the way from \$1 to \$10 for a pair of glasses which can be bought at wholesale for 15 cents a pair. The amount which they secure depends on the gullibility of their victim. We regret to learn that a number in this vicinity have gone and got bitten.

These glasses are cheap magnifying glasses and can be secured from any local dealer for 25 to 50 cents. The bows of these glasses are frequently made of Roman alloy and to the unsophisticated resembles gold, thereby enabling the spectacle grafter to charge several dollars extra.

Returns to Oregon

Frank Smith, who was called here on account of the death of his wife's father, Peter Peterson some time ago, and who had been trying to get the estate settled up, departed for his home in Portland, Ore., Monday afternoon. Frank could not stay to see the entire settling up of the estate but had it so far along that Mrs. C. Christensen, a daughter of the Petersons can attend to the rest. Frank will stop at Lincoln over Sunday and visit with the children of the late W. L. Browne, before they leave for Indiana, where they expect to make their home in the future. From Lincoln Mr. Smith will go to Hastings, where he has some relatives which he expects to visit for a while, and then he will stop at Denver and visit for a short time. He will also stop at Ogden, Utah, where he has a sister, and visit a short time with her, before proceeding to his home at Portland.

To Consult a Specialist.

Mrs. W. A. White and son, David, went to Omaha Saturday to visit Will, who is at the Immanuel hospital where he will have an examination of a growth on the side of his head and neck, which has been troubling him for some time, with a view to having something done in regard to it in order to see if relief cannot be obtained. We hope with his many friends, that he may have a safe and speedy recovery if it is found advisable to perform the operation.

Licensed to Wed

Permission to wed was granted Harry Lee Marshall, aged 20, and Miss Cora Crabtree, same age, both of Weeping Water. Joseph John Wooster, aged 22, was granted a license to wed Miss Mary Elizabeth Janda, aged 20, both of this city. Now comes Wm. H. Mason, aged 21, and asks leave to marry Sophia N. Sattler, aged 19, of whose marriage see another column.

The woes of the amateur gardner are very amusing to others, but decidedly real to the man who has spoiled a suit of clothes, blistered his hands and lost his temper in his efforts to make things grow.

A NOBLE WOMAN GONE

A Lady Highly Respected by All Who Knew Her

Died June 11, 1907, Mrs. Jennie E. Todd, wife of L. C. Todd, aged 38 years and 10 months. She was born in Meggs county, Ohio, July 27, 1868, and married to L. C. Todd, February 19, 1890. A husband and seven children are left to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and a loving mother. Jennie Todd was in the true sense of the word a helpmeet; and no duty was ever left undone, and no task shirked by her. While her household duties were many and exacting, yet in Mr. Todd's absence the broader business of the big farm, and the herds of blooded stock were perfectly safe under her direction.

Mrs. Todd's heart and hand were ever open at the call of need, and her bounties were as free and welcome as the air of Nebraska prairies, which she so much loved. A lovely character is gone, which will be greatly missed by her many friends, and particularly by her husband and children. She leaves a mother and three brothers, George, William M. and Edgar Mark. The funeral services were held Thursday at 2:00 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. Schell of York. Interment at Otterbrien cemetery.—Nehawka Register.

CUPID CUTS MORE CAPERS

There was a stir of activity, interest and animation at the home of our general street commissioner, John Janda, Monday morning. John is a rustler on all occasions, but in the air, one would have perceived something of more than ordinary importance. And at the Holy Rosary Catholic church was gathered at 8 o'clock, a merry throng; all friends of John Joseph Wooster and Miss Elizabeth Marie Janda, to witness the ceremony which was performed by Rev. Father Hanck, which united the lives of these young people, making them husband and wife. Characteristic of the nationality to which they belong (Bohemian) these people make merry at a wedding, giving many costly and beautiful gifts, signifying the feeling they cherish for those they wish to see well started on the journey of life. A sumptuous dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents, and a joyous season is in progress. The newly married people will live in the Joseph Hardbora place, on Vine street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth. The Journal joins with their host of friends in wishing them a happy and prosperous voyage across the sea of life.

SEVENTY-SECOND MILE STONE.

Balse Meisinger in the journey of life, Friday reached the seventy-second milestone, and as a fitting recognition of the happy event, all his children had arranged to be present at the home last evening to celebrate their father's natal day in an appropriate manner. John B. Meisinger and wife accompanied by their daughter, came in last evening from Lincoln to be present and help celebrate the delightful occasion. Philip Meisinger and son who is in Benson in the mercantile business, could not make arrangements to get away at this time and will be down for over Sunday. Uncle Balse had an accident last night, which caused him considerable injury, but fortunate in as much as it was not worse than it was. Mr. Meisinger, in the night arose and was looking for a match to make a light, and mistaking a door which he was passing through, thinking it was going into the bed room, but went into the cellar entry, falling down the steps and injuring his leg so that he has been lame since. That he was not injured seriously, being a heavy man as he is, seems very strange.

Will Buy a Thresher.

William Kaufmann, departed for Lincoln this morning, accompanied by his son, Fred, where he will look over the stock of threshing machines with a view of purchasing. William is a thoroughly experienced thresher, and to properly take care of the coming crop of small grain, has to make provisions by the purchase of a new machine.

If the new circus men who are going to fight the circus trust will give us plenty of clowns our money is their's.

A EUNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT

At the Home of County Clerk Rosencrans Thursday Evening

In the pleasant home of County Clerk and Mrs. Rosencrans, was enjoyed by a large crowd of neighbors and friends of those taking part, probably far more than any show of the season, the reproduction of "Peter Pan," given under the direction of Mrs. W. R. Clements, last evening.

Each gave their version or idea it inspired as they saw the play. Barbara Clements took the part of "Peter Pan" and the part was rendered in a masterful manner; Mary Helps the part of "Wendy" which was also fine; the Darling Family was represented by Mildred Johnson as Mr. Darling and Doratha Britt as Mrs. Darling; Mary Egenberger and Mary Rosencrans as the Twins; Harriett Clements as Michael Darling; Helen Egenberger as John Darling; Janet Clements as the Nurse Dog; Peter's Band was Nora Livingston, Muriel Straight, Ruth Clark, Blanch Clark, Florence Egenberger, the latter taking the part of "Nibs;" the Pilots were Dorothy Britt, Janet Clements and Laura Rosencrans.

Much merriment was had as the little folks performed their parts, and all demonstrated considerable merit, and reflected the ability of the director, Mrs. Clements, as she did the training. Those present to witness the play were J. V. Egenberger, wife, Miss Anna and Master Carl; Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Livingston, W. J. Straight and wife, Barbara and Mia Gering, Miss Helen Waugh of Lincoln, Mrs. C. S. Johnson, Mrs. Ward Clark, Henry Robert Herold, Doratha Helps, County Clerk Rosencrans and family.

Raised Close to Ten Millions.

Between \$9,000,000 and \$10,000,000 increase in the assessed valuation of property in Nebraska, as compared with the total for 1906, is expected to be shown by the final figures after all counties have reported and the state board of equalization has acted upon the state board estimates that the assessments will stand somewhere between \$320,000,000 and \$325,000,000 in the aggregate, with the probability that it will be about halfway between these two figures, or \$22,500,000. Last year's assessment was slightly in excess of \$313,000,000.

The prediction of a \$9,000,000 increase is fully justified by the unofficial reports received so far. In 1906 the gain over the preceding year was about \$9,000,000. Nearly the whole of this was on private property, as the railroad increases was very small. This year the state board has added \$5,300,000 to the valuation of railroad property. If other property yields only half the rate of increase it did in 1906, the total assessment will run beyond the estimate of \$322,500,000.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Merriam, of Shannon City Iowa, came in on the fast mail, and will visit with their son Walter and family, for a few days. The elder Merriam are surprising the folks here, as they did not know of the visit that the parents were going to make them, and the surprise will be pleasant as unique.

In District Court.

The case of Nellie Jensen vs Garry Treat and Catharine Treat, which has been on trial two days, came to an end today. The contest was over a farm adjoining Weeping Water, which Jensen claims to have bought for \$9,500, the deed was signed but never delivered. There was no acknowledgment by Garry Treat of the deed, and the deed was never delivered to the Jensens but had been delivered the agent by the Treats for delivery on certain conditions. After the evidence was all in the court promptly found in favor of defendants, Treats, and against the plaintiffs, Jensens. A. L. Brown represented the Jensens, and Skiles & Harris of David City, and H. D. Travis of this city appeared for the Treats. The case was warmly contested; many witnesses being present from Weeping Water.

Says Crops Are Fine.

A letter from Robert Troop, who is now living in Gregory, South Dakota, says that the country is looking fine up there now, and they are having plenty of rain. All vegetation is showing a rank growth. He also says that some new towns are being built up in Tripp county, which is just west of Gregory, and the country is of the same character. This will enhance the value of the land where he lives. He was offered \$6,400 for his farm a short time since. This is the farm Mr. Troop drew at the drawing of the Rose Bud agency lands some three years since.

ALMOST FORTY YEARS AGO

Result of Staying Qualities of Early Citizenship

The other day N. D. Mills was in from the western part of the county and was a witness in a case coming before the county court. This is the first time that Mr. Mills has been in the city for a long time. W. D. Jones was telling a representative of this paper, that he distinctly recalls that just thirty-nine years ago, he remembers that Mr. Mills came along through here moving to his homestead which he had taken somewhere north and west of Weeping Water. Mr. Jones helped drive the cattle to the new home to be, then nothing but a barren waste of Buffalo grass. But by staying with the proposition, Mr. Mills is today worth something like \$100,000, which shows what can be done by staying with a good proposition through thick and thin. Nebraska is the place. It only requires a little grit to get the greatest of returns from her soil.

ANOTHER MISSOURI PACIFIC WRECK.

Engine Jumps Track South of Wyoming.

The Missouri Pacific railway has been having all kinds of trouble for some time past and it is said to be chargeable, in a large measure to the poor rails, ties and equipment which the company persists in using. The Nebraska City News says that Sunday night or rather early Monday morning the passenger train due at that place shortly after 1 o'clock, was laid out about a mile south of Wyoming, by the wheels under the tank of the engine jumping the track. Fortunately it was in a place where the train could not have been wrecked, being banks on either side of the track. The train was delayed there until nearly eight o'clock Monday morning.

NEGRO INJURED AT UNION

Special to The Journal.

UNION, NEBRASKA, JUNE 14, 1907.—This afternoon between twelve and one o'clock, as the local freight on the Missouri Pacific was pulling into the yards, it ran over and mangled the foot of a negro, Robert Falkner, whose home is at 914 Walker avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

It seems that Falkner and a companion, also colored, who does not care to give his name, were returning to their home from the west, had been put off the train here that they were riding on, and they were waiting for an opportunity to get out on a train going south. They were loitering around at the north end of the yards, and Falkner went to sleep, and the train passed over him. His left foot was caught in the frog and mashed to a pulp.

Falkner was immediately removed to the office of Dr. A. E. Walker, the company physician, and the foot is being amputated. It could not be learned whether the boys had any money or not. They were both young men from 18 to 20 years of age. Whether they will remain here or go to Kansas City is not yet known. Falkner's companion seems to be made of the right metal, for he says that whatever happens, he will stay with and take care of his unfortunate friend.

Looks Bad for Corn.

Orville Kintz, who works in the Burlington shops, and whose home is at Decatur, Indiana, while in conversation with a representative of this paper, said: "At the time I came back from a visit which I had at home during the month of May, there was only one half of the corn planted and I am in receipt of a letter from my parents saying that there had not been a grain of corn planted since I came away, and that the ground where it was at all low and flat was, and had been covered with water." From this kind of a report Indiana surely is not in the fore front as to prospects for a crop of corn this year.

To Be Married Soon.

Cards are out announcing the coming wedding of Miss Maude Anna Tubbs, daughter of Joseph Tubbs, of Mynard, and William Weldon Jones, which is to be solemnized at high noon on the 26th of June. The bride is a young lady of much refinement and education, and Mr. Jones is to be congratulated that he is to get for a wife so accomplished and winsome a lady as Miss Anna.