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## THE SENIOR CLASS IS ENTERTAINED

By One of Its Member, Miss Vina Theiroff, at  
a Valentine Party at Her Pleasant  
Home in This City Satur-  
day Evening

At the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Theiroff, parents of the hostess, Miss Mina Theiroff, a member of the senior class of the High school, entertained the class which is to graduate this year at a Valentine party, and was assisted by Misses Mathilda Soennichsen and Charlotte Fetzer. The entertainment which was a Valentine heart party was very unique in the arrangement of the details, the house being profusely and beautifully decorated with hearts hung all over the interior. Four particular features of the evening's entertainment were: The first, the hunting of concealed candy hearts—a prize being given to the one finding the most, which was won by Superintendent Gamble, he finding sixteen and received a fern as the prize; the second was the shooting of hearts placed upon the wall with a bow and arrow, and was a source of a good deal of merriment, when the young men tried to teach the girls how to use the Indian weapons; the third was the giving of each of those present a stick of chewing gum and when they had chewed

### The Nehawka Mill A Winner

Joseph Malcolm, the Nehawka Miller was a visitor in the city Tuesday, looking after the interests of the output of the Nehawka Milling company, which is of prime excellence. Joe is a jovial, good fellow and makes friends wherever he goes. We are given to understand from reliable authority, that the mills at that place have done a very satisfactory business, having paid off an incumbrance of \$22,000 during the past year. The people of Nehawka are to be congratulated upon the matter of so fine a plant, and one which brings so much business to their community. With such institutions and the interest which the farmers are taking in the handling of the grain, Nehawka should receive somewhat of a business impetus that would go far towards insuring increased prosperity for the town.

### Republican County Convention.

The republican county convention for the purpose of selecting delegates to the state convention in Omaha on Thursday, March 12, will meet in Weeping Water, Thursday, February 20. The primaries for the selection of delegates to the county convention were held Saturday, and the following delegates were chosen from the various wards in this city:

First Ward—R. B. Windham, A. L. Tidd, J. M. Robertson, W. W. Coates, C. D. Quinton, John Lindeman and H. N. Dovey.

Second Ward—M. L. Fredrick, H. A. Schneider, W. J. Straight, H. C. McMaken, J. E. Douglass, Jesse L. Root and A. J. Beeson.

Third Ward—W. H. Newell, C. A. Rawls, A. W. Atwood, Byron Clark, A. N. Sullivan, F. H. Steimker, J. H. Hall, John Becker and A. M. Sears.

From all reports there were no primaries held in the Fourth and Fifth Wards.

### Will Comply With Law.

The Burlington will comply with the nine-hour law relating to telegraph operators' work-day. The compliance with this law at this time will add a considerable expense in the aggregate, although for the Lincoln division it will not be great, coming as it does at this time of slow business. The company has not found it difficult to secure operators, and it is said that all the men needed for the extra work have been engaged.

### Surprise the Rebekah's

After the regular meeting of the Rebekah's last Saturday evening, and they were ready to depart for home, they were invited to the reception room of the lodge, where a delightful repast was awaiting them in the shape of coffee and cake furnished by Mr and Mrs Oliver Edmonds.

For sale—A number of registered rathorn bulls. H. G. Todd, Murray.

## ROSS HAMMOND SECURES PLUMB

### Will His Appointment Creates Discord Among Republicans?

The following is what the Lincoln Sunday Star says editorially in regard to the appointment of Ross Hammond as internal revenue collector. While the appointment of collector is settled, it seems that the troubles in the republican ranks in Nebraska has just begun: "The fight over the internal revenue collectorship for the state of Nebraska has ended, but the troubles of the republican party in the state have only begun.

"Mr. Hinshaw, in voting for Ross Hammond, has drawn the antagonism of a large number of union labor men in Fairbury, Wymore and Beatrice. And that opposition will hurt not only him, but the republican party as a whole.

"Mr. Norris, in voting for Ross Hammond, has drawn opposition from the union labor vote of McCook, Holdrege, Oxford, Red Cloud and Hastings. That opposition will hurt not only him, but the entire republican party.

"And even the Senator and the Congressmen who voted for Mr. Rose will be injured by the attitude of the other members of the delegation. In Omaha a large labor vote will be directed against the republicans if democrats can arrange it that way. Mr. Pollard and others in the First district will suffer on account of Havelock and Platts-

mouth.

"We're not making a general defense of union labor organizations as factors. They do not need it and do not ask it. But The Star does believe that the republican party has been drawn into a damaging fight for no good purpose. Mr. Rose could just as well have had that appointment, and a greater number of people in this state would have been pleased. Rose deserved it just as much, he would have made an equally efficient officer, and his appointment would have been followed by none of the disastrous effects which are sure to grow out of the action of the delegation in naming Hammond.

"In addition to drawing the fire of a large element in the voting strength of the state, this senseless contest has created factional differences in the party and has caused wounds that will not heal before the next election day. It has all been a silly, expensive piece of business. It was bad enough no matter what the result, but unfortunately the result is exactly the wrong one."

### Died at Home in Chicago

W. J. Wood, father of Mrs. H. S. Austin and Clinton G. Wood died at his home in Chicago last Saturday, after a short illness. Mr. Clinton G. Wood, the young man who has so graciously sang at a number of our entertainments, on receiving word of his father's sickness, immediately departed for his home to find his father had passed away when he arrived. The elder Wood was an architect by profession, and drew the plans and made the specifications for the horticultural and agricultural hall at the St. Louis exposition a few years since, and was a member of the Elks, a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias. The funeral occurred Tuesday.

### Letter From Wm. Habermann.

One of the force of this office is in receipt of a letter from Wm. Habermann, who is taking treatment in the hospital at Lincoln for the drink habit. He says that he is treated the best in the world there, and that he feels at present the best he has for years. He has no desire for anything of a nature of intoxicants, and thinks he will be able to refrain from taking anything in the future. He wishes to be remembered to his many old friends in Plattsburgh. Mr. Habermann says that there are a large number of people taking treatment where he is, for like troubles and with good success.

### Departed For Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ruby departed for their home at Oberlin, Kan., Tuesday on the Burlington. It will be remembered that Mr. Ruby farmed in northwestern Kansas last season, and returned last fall and was married to Miss Bengen, they staying here during the winter, and now go back to Kansas to live.

### Working on the Finishing

Two carpenter arriving from Omaha this morning are starting on the finishing work of the Masonic Home. This work will require some time, but an abundance of time for the fulfilling of the contract which is to be completed according to the contract, by May first.

## Sells Farm in South Dakota

Robert Troop, at the time of the drawing of the Rose Bud Indian reservation, some time since, drew 239 and secured a choice piece of land within less than a mile of where the town of Gregory was established, and which has advanced in price very rapidly. Last week Mr. Troop received a letter from the banker at Gregory, asking for a price on the farm. Mr. Troop thinking \$40.00 per acre would be a good price, placed the value at \$41.00, in order that it might not be accepted. But great was his surprise when he received a message Friday accepting the offer, and stating papers would follow for the consummation of the sale. The farm brings \$6,560.00. A good sum for the time which he has spent on the place.

## BRINGS SUIT FOR DAMAGES

### It is Claimed That Grading Done By City Was Not According to Estab- lished Grade

By his attorney, D. O. Dwyer, fo damage claimed, M. Whalen has began suit in the district court for the sum of \$700. The case was one wherein the matter of grading and building of a permanent walk along the property of Mr. Whalen in the Fourth ward, near the upper end of First street, on Winterstein hill.

Two damage claims have been filed with the city council, both of which were turned down. In the controversy, Mr. Whalen claims that the grading was not according to the established grade made by the city, and that the placing of the walk was not at his askance, as he wished to place the walk himself, or secure it so placed without the interference of the city. The city claims the grade the proper ones and turned down the claims for damages. The case when it comes to trial in the district court, will develop which of the parties are right, and while we deplore the trouble which has arisen and the differences which now prevail between the parties, see no other way than the course now taken to adjudicate the matter.

### Nebraska Must Go for Taft.

A special from Washington, under date of February 17, says: "This morning Senator Burkett presented the collector-to-be to the president and instead of a perfunctory interview, which is generally accorded candidates for office, because the president has not hours enough in the day to give an extended interview to his numberless callers, he took the senior senator from Nebraska and Mr. Hammond into an inner room, where Nebraska politics were discussed to a fare-you-well. The president bore down upon the proposition that Nebraska must be lined up for Secretary Taft and was emphatic in his declaration that he must not be considered in conjunction with the presidency. This, in relation to the action of Lancaster county last week. He left no doubt upon the minds of Senator Burkett or Mr. Hammond as to his wishes for Nebraska and he requested the two gentlemen to see to it that Nebraska send a delegation unqualifiedly in favor of Secretary Taft to the national convention."

### Mrs. L. M. Kuhney Improving.

Mrs. Julius Range returned this morning from Omaha, where she was a visitor with her daughter, Mrs. L. M. Kuhney, at the St. Joseph hospital, where she is receiving treatment and where some time since she underwent an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Range reports her daughter's condition as being much improved and says the physicians in charge give hope that she can leave the hospital by the coming Sunday.

### Miss Ina Briggs Very Sick

The reporter of this paper received a message Monday morning, telling of the very serious sickness of his niece, Miss Ina Briggs, at Medora, Ill., who is troubled with heart disease, and of whose recovery there is little hope entertained. It will be remembered that Miss Ina visited in the city with the family of her uncle, about two years ago, for some time.

### Jess McVey Improved.

Jesse McVey, who is sick at the Perkins House, is somewhat better, and can sit up some. He says, however, that his eyes are larger than his stomach, that the eatables look better than they taste. His niece Miss Letta Mayberry of Peoria, Illinois, was a visitor with him yesterday and departed for her home last evening.

## STATE'S GRAFT IN SOLDIERS' PENSIONS

### An Old Veteran's Defence Relative to the Pension Money the State is Attempting to Steal From the Old Soldiers

The following taken from the Grand Island Independent, written by an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at that place is no doubt full of truth and the true side of the case from the old soldiers' stand-point, relative to the pension money the state is attempting to steal from the old soldier:

"The Grand Island Independent, the soldiers' friend, has shown the cloven foot. (They also belong to the suppressed information gang of newspapers.) In our suit with the state in regard to this pension graft, their reporter reported all of the state's attorney's argument in the case up to noon, and made it in as favorable a light as possible for the state. Therefore, everybody was disappointed when they failed to give the very able and sound addresses of W. H. Thompson and Governor Abbott in presenting our side of the case. The soundness of Mr. Thompson's and the sarcasm of Mr. Abbott's arguments were far better reading, and the people would have enjoyed Mr. Abbott's sound grafts directed at the gang of pension grafters. But for some reason they suppressed it as they did Mr. Rose's closing argument, who contended that the members of the home were paupers pure and simple, who had no rights that the state board were bound to respect, that they were not entitled to the right of injunction. And in trying to sustain that line of argument he said: "If we have a criminal arrested he does not have anything to say about how it shall be done or how we shall proceed in the manner of doing it."

Now you have it! Paupers with no more rights than a criminal under arrest.

That is the estimate the representative of the present reform republican board has of us.

Wait until next fall and see them tell us the old stereotyped story, that we are entitled to more than what we are getting, that they owe it to us for having risked our lives and everything for our country's sake, and that nothing too good for us in our old age, and that they will see that we get it, and perhaps they will manage to shed a few tears in their great desire to get our votes.

Rose! What a nice name! I do not know that he smells like it, but he looked prouder than the American Beauty variety. He never looked at an old soldier but with disdain, and gave us to understand very plainly that we were paupers and had no rights, and ought not to have any money unless such gentlemen as himself and his ilk should decide to let us have a little.

Now why did the Independent suppressed the closing argument of the state's attorney?

When asked by Judge Paul, "What in your opinion would have been the proper course for the soldiers to have taken in place of an injunction?" Mr. Rose thought that they should have appeared before the state board and petitioned them to rescind the order.

"What if they refused?" was the judge's next question. And Mr. Rose said, "Well, but you would have had their money then," replied the judge with a twinkle in his eye.

Now I am going to draw you a picture (in imagination.) It would take a Thos. Nast to do it justice artistically.

But just imagine 500 old broken down soldiers from the Grand Island and Milford Homes, who have faced bullets and disease for three or four years in defense of their country, just see them hobbling down to the temples of justice at Lincoln and appearing there in their pauper raiment before that august body of plutocrats, forming a circle and on their knees begging of them in the following manner:

"O merciful Masters, give us back our 15 cents! Please give us back our money!"

Would we do it? Not on your life. We think we know that outfit and we would fear to place ourselves before them in such position lest we be scourged and driven out.

We will have to make some allowance for Mr. Rose, as I understand he had just heard that he had been turned down on the collectorship.

"We are awaiting the verdict, "Slaves or Men."

But I want to say to Pumpkin Blossom that he is badly off when he calls us all paupers with no more right than a criminal. He did not know that we have members here with \$2000 bank accounts or that have good farms to rent, or that we have ranches well stocked with cattle and horses, or men that can travel every summer from Maine to California and back here to winter. They draw \$12 per month and vote the republican ticket every time. I do not know how they manage to get so much out of \$12 per month. But I suppose it is the same system that the G. O. P. congressmen use when they are able to buy a \$50,000 property on a \$5,000 salary, or an appointee of the governor that can lay up enough in a short term of office to buy a good sized ranch and stock the same, build good houses, etc. The capacity of that state board seems to have reached its limit, when they go as far as robbing the old soldiers of their pension money.

They do not seem to be able to grapple with the graft that is rampant, or perhaps they do not want to. It may be that the hog has been passed around and that they have all got a piece of the animal.

I sat in that court room with a number of others and heard the state's attorney denounce us, and use the language above quoted. And I think I can see the drift of the whole thing.

"I am mad." I am also ashamed; ashamed of myself for promising to think as I did. That that was a home, that the government and the good people of this state built it and maintained it for such as I represent, and after I had helped to build it and maintain it for years before I myself became a member. Yes, and after I had listened to the republican spellbinder, year after year, telling us that this was our home, that we were entitled to it, and more too, and that they could not do too much for us. And then to have the representative of the board that has control over our destiny, come up here and in open court tell that this is a poor farm and that we are paupers and have no more right under the law than a criminal under arrest has.

I presume that he had his whole line of argument outlined to him by the state board and attorney general before he left Lincoln, and it seems to be rather a pleasure for him to deliver it. Well, I am getting over the scene of shame, and the feeling of d—mad is taking its place. About one more such crack and I am liable to tell the people of this state of things that will make this R. R. administration sit up and take notice.

Paupers, with no more rights than a criminal under arrest, are we? We believe you lie about it; at all events, you have got to "show us." We number 201 and we want to know exactly where we stand before the people and what rights we have got. We are not certain but that you will yet assume the right to have us tied up to a post and whipped for refusing to be robbed without a protest, or for using language disrespectful to "Your Royal Highness."

We are in court right now for the very purpose of finding out whether we are poor slaves with no rights left, or old soldier with the same rights guaranteed free American citizens everywhere. And among these rights is the right to refuse to support any other man's wife or widow. The right to refuse to beg for justice from the servants of the people. The right to use our own money for our own amusement so long as it does not interfere with Mr. Searles' exposition trips at the expense of the state, or do not make ourselves disagreeable to others. Do not think, though, that we are unable to distinguish between orders issued for the purpose of necessary discipline and orders issued for oppression.

After we are dead we cannot help ourselves as you very well know, but you made the mistake of thinking that we were all dead or so nearly dead that the last spark of manhood had left us and that we did not have ambition enough left to defend our rights.

We are awaiting the verdict, "Slaves or Men."

C. H. JONES.