

ST. MARY'S GUILD ENTERTAINMENT

hey Gave a Most Excellent Program, Which Was Listened to With Much Interest, Everybody Present Feeling That it Was Good to be There

Last evening to a house well filled, and an audience most appreciative of the merit displayed, the St. Mary's Guild gave a program which was one containing much to be appreciated. The opening number being a piano duet by the Misses Kittie Cummins and Claire Dovey, which elicited much applause; this was followed by a number by the Aeolian Mixed Quartette, which was well received, and most highly appreciated. Then came a "Cow Boy," song by Masters Geo. Dovey and Melvin Austin. They being dressed in cowboy costumes and made a very pleasing appearance. Coming after them was Mr. S. H. Austin, who sang a bass solo entitled, "Conquerer," in a masterly manner. Mr. Austin had charge of matters and announced the numbers; the next being a Contralto solo, by Miss Lucile Bates, entitled, "Happy Song," a song of the springtime, and which was applauded to the echo, the audience calling her again and again. Then came two readings by Master Ben Windum, one a dialect piece the "Dago," the other "A Rural Proposal," and dealt largely with the pros-

pect for the "grass crop" which pleased the audience very much. Clinton G. Wood then followed, with a solo entitled "Hear the Winds and the Waves," which showed much merit. Following this came the "Racket Drill," by eight little Misses—Helen Gass, Emma Cummins, Janette Patterson, Edith Dovey, Dorothy Helms, Janette, Harriet and Elizabeth Clements. This was a most pleasing feature of the entertainment, and was an occasion for a demonstration by the audience.

Closing the entertainment program was a number by Mrs. S. H. Austin, entitled, "Vesta's Victory," which received a very enthusiastic encore, and in response to which she sang "Billy Green."

The refreshments, which was a very pleasant feature of the evening and which followed was included in the admission, and was composed of ice cream and cake, both of which was of very delightful qualities and in abundant quantity. Then came the dance, and "All went as merry as a marriage bell," in which all the young people engaged until a very late hour. Take the entire entertainment, all in all, it was a grand success in every particular.

EASTERN STAR VISITS HOME

Committee of the Order at Wahoo Sent to Inspect The Home Here

Yesterday, C. L. Nelein, B. D. Rubb and wife, Mesdames Thomas Killam, T. Ellsworth, Jesse McCreary and Wm. Carlisle, a committee of the Eastern Star lodge at Wahoo, visited and inspected the Masonic Home at this place. Reports derogatory to the way the home is conducted, has crept out over the state, and to ascertain the exact condition, a committee was appointed, and was sent to investigate, without the knowledge of anyone here, until they should arrive so that they might see just how things were conducted at all times. In conversation with members of the visiting delegation the reporter of this paper learned last evening that they were entirely satisfied with their investigations. They found the home conducted in the most satisfactory manner, and complimented the ones in charge very highly.

Pensions for Widows.

According to dispatches from Washington many thousands widows of old veterans in Nebraska will share the benefits of a bill which has passed both houses of congress and will be approved by President Roosevelt within a few days. After his signature has been affixed the law will become effective immediately. Beneficiaries will get \$12 monthly. Those drawing under the dependent widows' law will be increased \$4 monthly, and have the dependent limitation removed. The only widows excluded are those who married veterans since June 27, 1890. The act will increase the income of 181,833 widows of soldiers of the civil war, 6,880 widows of the Mexican war, 8,081 widows of Indian wars, 172 widows of Spanish war soldiers, and 1,324 minor and helpless children now on the rolls.

In addition to these it is estimated that there are 18,000 widows of civil war soldiers who are not now on the rolls who may apply for a pension. They are the widows of honorably discharged soldiers who served ninety days or more, who have died, or may hereafter die. It will not be necessary to prove that the soldier's death was the result of his army or navy service. Altogether it is estimated that the new bill will increase the pension rolls by \$12,021,264.

Suicide at Havelock

A special from Lincoln under date of April 21, says: "Charles E. Branstetter, 70 years old, a laborer at the Havelock shops for fifteen years, committed suicide this morning with strychnine. He was despondent because the shops were closed down for the Easter vacation."

S. O. Cole of Mynard was in the city this morning with a load of apples, which he is disposing of at one dollar per bushel.

THE GREAT PIANO CONTEST

Some Cass Countian Will Get an Instrument for Nothing.

MR. EDITOR: In Monday's issue of your paper appeared an article upon my piano contest, which some people have objected to. That is "American people like to be humbugged." One person even went so far as to call the great showman, P. T. Barnum, a liar and a humbug himself. But we all know better than that. We know that whatever Barnum said was true. If Barnum told the public that he had the greatest giraffe, it was bound to be true; or if his tent had a certain seating capacity, it was no less than he stated. Upon this basis of always telling the truth he made for himself an immense fortune and an everlasting reputation.

I have been in this community for twelve years. I began with nothing, and by honest, fair and square dealings I have what I have today. When I said a thing I always endeavored to make it good. Now, anyone that has been in this county for the past few years know that when I promise anything that I fulfill my promises.

Now, Mr. Editor, just a few lines more. I want to explain this piano contest so that it can be fully understood by all, and to explain why I have started this contest, and see whether American people like to be humbugged or not.

Last January I purchased a large cash register which issues with every cash purchase a receipt, upon which is printed the date, the number of the receipt, and the amount purchased and from what clerk.

Now, I have thought the matter over, and in order to get my business down to a cash basis I have offered a \$450 piano to the person, persons, school, lodge, or society, that buys of me during the season the greatest amount of merchandise for cash I will give this fine, high grade piano.

Now it remains to be seen whether or not the people of Plattsmouth and vicinity like to be humbugged or not. I am here with a legitimate proposition, open and above board, and will the people appreciate it? Strangers have come to town and started fake contests and the people have taken a part and made it a success. So it now remains to be seen whether they will take part in a contest that is given by a home merchant. Yours truly,

M. FANGER.

Studying Rural Economies

We neglected to mention the fact that Roy McKinney, has taken a sudden and active interest in agricultural pursuits and that he frequently takes drives into the country for the purpose of studying nature at her best. Last Sunday evening he accompanied Earl Clark when he went to Murray to take his lesson on the raising of cereals.

Mrs. W. H. Verner and daughter, De Ella, were visitors in Omaha today.

DO WE WANT ODD FELLOWS HOME?

Numerous Towns Working for Its Location.

A few weeks since there was a movement started to have the Odd Fellows Home located in Plattsmouth. At the meeting of the grand lodge to be held in Lincoln in October the same is to be let to the town offering the best inducements for its location.

It is said that \$60,000 has been raised by the grand lodge in the past few years by means of a per capita tax of 25 cents per member per year for the building and maintenance of a home for indigent Odd Fellows and the widows and orphans. Nebraska has never had such a home and in the past have sent all their indigent members to the Missouri home.

There are five towns bidding for the location of the \$60,000 home, as follows: Fairbury, York, Hastings, Hebron and Plattsmouth, and we can get it if we do the same as the other towns—work for it.

We have the Masonic home, and can just as well have the Odd Fellows home if we put on our hustling clothes and go after it. We have plenty of excellent locations. What a magnificent sight a building like that would make situated upon one of our hills, overlooking the Missouri river. Do we want the home? Of course we do. Then let us be up and doing.

HILLS COUNTY PIONEER DIES

George Mickelwait, Well Known to Pioneers of Cass County

George Mickelwait, one of the early pioneer of Mills county, Iowa, died at his home in Glenwood, Sunday night, April 19, 1908, in his 89th year. For the past ten years he had been an invalid. The deceased was well known to many of the early-day pioneers of Cass county. The following reference to the death of this old resident is taken from the Glenwood Tribune: "The deceased was born April 30, 1819. He was married in 1839 in Illinois to Harriett Gibbs, who died in 1867 in Glenwood. He came to Mills county in 1851 and entered the land from Uncle Sam, now a part of the W. W. Mickelwait farm four miles southeast of Glenwood. He was a continuous resident of Mill county for 57 years. He was a shrewd business man and was possessed of considerable property at the time of his death. He was for many years identified with the banking and other business interests of Glenwood.

"He was the father of six children, three of whom survive him. Three sons Richard, James and Albert, died after reaching manhood. A daughter, Mrs. Silas Terry, and a son, J. W. Mickelwait, reside here at Glenwood. G. W. Mickelwait, another son, lives at Ord, Nebraska. He is also survived by eight grandchildren.

"The funeral was held this Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home, the services being conducted by Rev. J. H. Skiles, pastor of the Congregational church.

"Six nephews of the deceased acted as pall-bearers, Sylveste, Willaby, George and John Dye, and Wilbur W. and Ralph R. Mickelwait."

A Distinguished Visitor.

Prof. George D. Carrington, of Auburn, came in yesterday with the groom to attend the Redfern-White wedding last evening, which occurred at the St. Luke's church. While here Professor Carrington called at the Journal headquarters a few moments, and we were very much pleased to make his acquaintance. He is the present superintendent of the Auburn schools, and a candidate for state superintendent of schools, subject to the decision of the republican state convention. While in the city the professor also addressed the High school, and made a most favorable impression with all who heard him. He is very much of a gentleman, and from what we are able to learn is a very able scholar. The republican can many times make a greater mistake than nominate Professor Carrington for the very important position of state superintendent of schools.

Will Purchase Uniform.

At the meeting of the Modern Woodman of America last evening it was decided to purchase new uniforms for the team, to be used when they go to Lincoln to the state convention of the order which is to occur in about two weeks. There will be a number of candidates also from here who will be taken in the order at the state meeting.

Pasture Notice

I will take cows for pasture on and after the first day of May, 1908. Stock looked after same as last season at \$2 per month in advance. Phone 10C

O. M. STREIGHT.

Mrs. R. R. Nickels and wife, from near Murray, were visitors in Omaha this morning.

Baby Meets Strange Death

A special from Weeping Water, under date of yesterday says: "A very strange accident happened to the six months old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ash yesterday afternoon. The little fellow was sitting on the floor playing with an egg poacher. The small end was in the child's mouth and by accident he fell forward and the poacher was forced in his throat. Dr. E. T. Rickard was called by telephone, but the child was dead within three minutes. When the doctor arrived he was compelled, in order to remove the poacher to use forceps. A sad feature of the case was the absence from the house of both parents at the time of the accident."

A BIG GROWTH IN WISDOM

The Tariff is a Tax as Plain as the Nose on the Face

It often has been noted in the last few years that the people are accepting as sound many political declarations that a few years ago were regarded as mere catch phrases. Sometimes this acceptance has been so gradual that one realizes with a sense of surprise that it has become general and final.

When Mr. Havenymer said that the tariff was the mother of trusts he was regarded as a blundering humorist rather than the unexpectedly candid head of a monopoly. Of course, the beneficiaries of high protection knew he was right, and the cursed Havenymer. Of course, the advocates of a low tariff knew he was right, and they applauded Havenymer. Of course, Havenymer knew he was right, and he seemed well satisfied; he never reversed that decision.

Time was when the country read or heard heated arguments as to whether the tariff is a tax. That time has passed. The tariff is now known, by everybody, to be the heaviest tax the average earner of a livelihood has to pay, although its assessment is indirect.

High protectionists writhed when a national democratic platform described protection as robbery. But the supreme court of the United States, in a decision relating to taxation, has said: "To lay with one hand the power of the government on the property of the citizen, and with the other to bestow it upon favored individuals to aid private enterprise and build up private fortunes, is none the less robbery because it is done under the forms of law." High tariffs have created trusts and the trusts have robbed the people by extorting monopolistic and excessive prices, and the government is responsible to the people because it maintains the system under which this robbery is committed.

TWO MEN KILLED BY LIGHTNING

J. C. York Receives Message Telling of Death of Brother and Nephew Last Evening

Last evening J. C. York received a message, telling of the death of his brother, Lee York, and son, Earl, aged 21, on their farm near Osmond, Pierce county, last evening. The message told of the death, and asked Mr. York to come at once. Owing to the very serious illness of his wife, Mr. York cannot go at present. Mrs. York has been kept to her bed for some time with rheumatism, and has to have an attendant all the time. Mr. York has to care for her during the night, and cannot get away, though he would like to go. Mr. Lee York, his brother, who was killed, would have been 57 years of age this fall, and leaves a wife and three children, besides the young man killed, the girls are one grown, a young lady, the others respectfully fourteen and twelve.

The following special to the Lincoln State Journal, from Osmond, under date of April 21, says: "Lightning which started a fire in a haystack caused the death Tuesday evening of Lee York and his son, Earl. They had been plowing in a field three miles north of Osmond and led their horses close to a straw stack and then took shelter under them. A bolt of lightning killed five horses, the animals falling on Mr. York and his son. The stack caught fire and the two were burned to death. Before becoming unconscious they called for help and neighbors a half mile away responded but were unable to help them. The coroner was sent for to take charge of the bodies."

Good Rain at Weeping Water
A special from Weeping Water, underdate of April 22, says: "A heavy and very timely rain visited this region yesterday. Winter wheat in Cass county is in fine condition. Pastures are affording good grazing. Corn ground is rapidly being prepared for plowing. Peaches, plums, pears, cherries and early apples are showing a great wealth of blooms."

Mrs. Joseph Klein departed last evening for her home at Lincoln, after having visited in the city for the past few days with friends.

BURGLARS PLY THEIR AVOCATION

Plattsmouth Homes are Visited, and at One Place They Secured Six Dollars in Money, and at Another are Frightened Away

During the middle of the night, Mrs. H. A. Schneider was awakened by someone raising one of the windows, and immediately called to Mr. Schneider, who was asleep, but was unable to arouse him at the first calling, but kept talking to the baby, and heard no more of the noise. This morning Mrs. Schneider mentioned the fact to Henry, who went out and looked under the window, where there was no grass, and found the prints of heels where some one had stood while working at the window. The window which had been down last evening was found raised partly, showing that the person who ever he was had heard Mrs. Schneider when she tried to arouse Henry and fled.

Olson's Home Entered

At G. R. Olson's, who came home Tuesday evening from a trip on the road, the burglars got about six dollars and fifty cents last evening. Mr. Olson went home from his studio at about 11, and got to bed at about 11:30.

Removes to Lincoln.

The removal to Lincoln this week of Mr. and Mrs. G. Treat, takes from our town an old time couple who have lived here since Weeping Water was an infant. Mr. Treat came here in 1860 and secured possession of the 80 acres of land north of I. N. Woodford's. He enlisted in the army and served three years, then came back to Cass county and secured the 160 acres where he has lived ever since, and built the stone house. He married in 1870. This couple is a part of the history of Weeping Water and Cass county. The old home place has now passed into other hands, but this worthy couple will never forget the years spent thereon, and their many friends will wish for them many more years filled with pleasure and rest, knowing that they will not fail to visit Weeping Water occasionally.—Weeping Water Republican.

In New Mexico.

Charles Mapes tells us he had a letter from Walter Palmer, from Clayton, N. M., which says that he has just gotten moved out to his homestead and is well pleased with the place; that he has been troubled a good deal in moving—account of the rain, they having had four good rains since he got there. Mr. Mapes will depart from that place about June 15, and will live near Central City, N. M.

Section 28

This section is one of the best in Northwest Kansas practically all smooth, all but 20 acres is in cultivation this section has returned from crops, in the last three years more than \$10,000 cash.

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One mile to rail road town and school, has no improvements. If interested write for photo post card to

GEO. C. MARKS,
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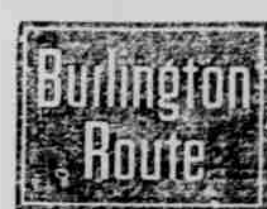
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CHRISTIAN LADIES AID SOCIETY

Met Yesterday With Mrs. Thomas and Peter M. Lindsey, Who Serve Lunch

Yesterday the Ladies Aid society of the Christian church, met at the home of Thomas Lindsey, the guests of Mesdames Thomas and Peter Lindsey. The regular business of the afternoon being disposed of, the ladies listened to an address on the intent and the workings of the society, and what they are accomplishing, by Mrs. Chas. D. Keltner, of Nehawka, who is visiting in the city. Then came the lunch which was a very pleasing feature of the afternoon, and which completed one of the most pleasant gatherings of the society. The next meeting of the society will be held at the church building, when the ladies will engage in quilting.



APRIL SPECIALS!

TO THE PACIFIC COAST:

Very favorable excursion rates to the Pacific Coast during the summer season of 1908, including special dates in April to California as follows: April 25th and 26th. Illustration, only \$60 round trip. The Coast route is the finest railroad journey in the world. Make it this summer. Also low one way rates during April.

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