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MERCHANTS AND CLERKS BANQUET

Fine Gathering of Local Business Men and Employes Hear Good Speeches.

The first annual banquet of the merchants and clerks association was held Thursday night at the Riley, and it was a glittering success from start to finish. Seldom has this hostelry entertained so brilliant an assemblage and seldom has a banquet been held in this city which would rank with this most successful affair.

For the occasion Landlord Dunbar had made every preparation and he set before the assemblage a menu the equal of any produced in the state. And it is to the credit of his excellent management that this feature of the banquet met with ready appreciation from the fine gathering which graced the tables.

One of the features of the banquet, and one which added greatly to the handsomeness and artistic beauty of the affair, was the numerous ladies present. They presented a strikingly handsome appearance with their tasty toilets and bright glowing faces—all shining with the manifest interest in the success of their efforts to produce a happy co-operation between the merchants and their clerks. They comprised a large and cheerful contingent of the gathering and added much to its success.

There were sixty-three plates set for those who attended, an attendance which in itself shows the deep interest in the movement of the clerks for better conditions has taken. And the merchants themselves formed a large portion of the splendid gathering. They felt that it was due to their employes that they give the banquet their greatest encouragement and they were in attendance in force. And it is well they were for they heard a fine, ringing speech full of force and thoughtful ideas from one fully capable of expressing the vital points of successful business.

The guest of the evening, J. S. Pilkington, of Des Moines, Ia., was the center of attraction as he rose to address the assemblage. And it can be truthfully said that he is a ready, forceful and tactful speaker. Knowing why he was present, that he was expected to show to everyone present the necessity of co-operation and mutual work to the end that all should enjoy the fruits of their efforts, he played his theme through in such a manner that all were charmed and delighted. His whole address teemed with advice which the local merchants can study with profit.

As an advocate of reasonable hours for the clerks he proved irresistible. He presented such facts to the merchants that they could not fail to see wherein they would win by the adoption of a reasonable hour of toil for those in their employ.

And to the clerks he had much pertinent advice. Their appreciation of the concession of the merchants was dwelt upon as a duty which they owed to themselves. With co-operation between all there was no reason why everyone should not be prosperous and happy. Optimism reigned throughout his speech, and it was only required to hear it to convince one that what he said was the true theory of success.

The speaker had the gift of a good voice and a presence which was attractive to the auditors, and in addition, the knack of making effective and telling points. That he was popular was manifested by the handsome greeting accorded him at the commencement of his speech and the applause with which it was frequently punctuated, culminating in an uproarious demonstration at the close.

As the toastmaster of the occasion, E. H. Westcott done himself proud, vying with the honored guest in happy introductory remarks. Particularly did the toastmaster excel himself when introducing Mr. Pilkington. With remarks laudatory of the guest, Mr. Westcott included an apology to Landlord Dunbar. He did not want the idea to go forth that the guests had not been well enough fed, but of his own volition, he had a special course of his own to crown the feast. While not all present were vegetarians, he had selected that succulent garden product, the pea, as the course. Whereupon he produced a large pea, some two and a

half feet in length, made of green paper. As he produced this before the astonished gaze of the assembled diners, he neatly and scientifically opened the pod, disclosing six large peas reposing in their green covering. As it developed, these peas were simply balls of rubber painted green, but to the observer they resembled huge green peas. The first of these peas was characterized by the toastmaster as Plattsmouth, then followed the second which was Push, the third was Perseverance, the fourth represented Progress, the fifth was the symbol of prosperity, while the last, but not least, personified the guest who had come so far to urge all the foregoing upon the guests—Pilkington. The speaker was happy to say that there was another P unbidden to the feast and whose absence was a source of joy to all and that was Poverty, none of which prevailed in this city. It was a brilliant and happy epigrammatic hit, and the audience arose as one in tribute to the eloquent toastmaster.

Immediately upon reaching the toasts Toastmaster Westcott, in felicitous remarks, introduced Mayor Gering, who on behalf of the city paid Superintendent of Shops Baird of the Burlington, a tribute and welcomed him to the city, seeking to cement the already friendly relations between the city and company. He also extended to Mr. Pilkington the freedom of the city and its best wishes. The mayor was in his usual happy vein and spoke out for progressiveness in all lines of business, he being a fine example of what such a course means to a community.

Supt. of Shops Baird responded briefly to the mayor's toast. He had found during his residence in the city that both he and the big corporation he represented had a warm spot in the hearts of the people, and he modestly avoided any reference which could be construed as personal so far as such was possible. He made it manifest that his heart was in unison with those of the good people who were seeking the advancement of this, their home city. Mr. Baird made an excellent impression in his brief address.

As the president of the Clerk's Association Mr. V. C. Ahlstrand toasted the merchants and in well chosen words designed to express the appreciation of the clerk's for the active co-operation of the merchants in making the closing hour a success, made a distinct hit with the audience. The merits of such co-operation between the employers and their employes formed the principal subject of Mr. Ahlstrand's toast and he pointed out many of the good results which were later enlarged upon by other speakers.

As representing the merchants Mr. E. A. Wurl made an able and comprehensive talk covering the merchants side of the co-operative idea following much along the lines laid down by Mr. Ahlstrand. He expressed the desires of the merchants to do what ever would be required to produce increased prosperity for the clerks and everyone else for the merchants realize that it was in prosperity alone they could hope to be successful.

One of the features—in fact, the feature vying with Mr. Pilkington's address was an original song by Mr. H. S. Austin, and which we publish in full. This song adapted to the music from "The Yankee Consul" of the song entitled "What a Difference a Few Hours Make," made a sensational hit. It was entitled "The Clerk" and presented the views of the clerk, the merchant and both together, under the head of co-operation in six verses. As is well known Mr. Austin is a fine singer—one of the best in the state and at this, his own production, he simply excelled all others. His deep, rich bass voice lent force and dramatic feeling to the plaintive lines of the clerk, sound reasoning to the merchants' verse and the glad, joyousness of both together when they co-operate. The singing received the applause it justly deserved at its close. Then followed the address of Mr. Pilkington noted above.

It is a matter of regret that more extended notice cannot be given these able addresses as they are all worthy especially that of Mr. Pilkington, but

with the space at command this is quite impossible. It can be added that among those interviewed today by the Journal representative, there is no feeling but that the affair was a grand, glowing success and everyone wishes that it become a permanent feature of the city. It would be well to make it so.

WILL SURPRISE HER DAUGHTER

Mrs. Geo. E. Dovey Departs to Hear Miss Ethel Sing.

Mrs. Geo. E. Dovey departed Friday morning for Kansas City, Mo., where she will surprise her daughter, Ethel, now staying on the road with a company putting on "Stubborn Cinderella." Miss Ethel Dovey is taking the part in this company that her sister, Alice, is playing with the metropolitan company still running in Chicago. Several Plattsmouth people who saw her in Kansas City a few evenings since pronounce her work as remarkably good. The company which she is with will play in Omaha at the Boyd sometime in November. The young lady has no intimation that her mother is coming to see her, it being Mrs. Dovey's intention to give her a pleasant surprise. Both of these talented young ladies deserve the success with which they are meeting as they have been hard and conscientious toilers. Mr. Dovey accompanied Mrs. Dovey as far as Omaha where he had business matters to look after.

Trustees Make Inspection.

President King and members C. K. Coutant, Michael Dowling and Frank Young of the board of trustees of the Masonic home, who were in the city Friday looking after the completion and acceptance of the new boiler house at the home. This building is being rapidly pushed to completion and, in fact, is now almost ready to be turned over. The gentlemen were more than pleased at the condition of the work and expressed themselves as well satisfied at the workmanship and progress displayed by Contractor Broackman. Secretary F. E. White was also present at the inspection. Messrs. King, Coutant, Dowling and Young returned to Omaha on the mail train while Mr. White remained for a brief visit with relatives.

Gets Fifty and Costs.

In Police court Friday morning Ward Barr was arraigned on the charge of beating his mother. He admitted having struck her but pleaded self defense. Judge Archer could not see anything in such a plea and gave the young man a fine of fifty dollars and costs, the same to be worked out on the streets. Thus does the celebrated brand of justice reach the guilty offender. In this case the punishment was none too severe. The boy has been in trouble with his mother numerous times and has been allowed to go upon condition of quitting the city. He goes away but is soon back. A little work on the streets will do him good.

United Brethren Conference.

The thirty-seventh annual conference of the east Nebraska conference of the United Brethren in Christ closed on the 6th inst., at York, Neb. Bishop N. M. Weekly, D. D., of Kansas City, Mo., presided.

The various reports were very flattering for the past year, especially so in regard to financial undertakings, all showing a handsome gain. The membership also showed a substantial gain over the preceding year, there being some 400 new members added to the list. Appointments for the ensuing year were then made for the various churches, those in Cass county being as follows:

Nehawka—A. Caldwell.
Otterbein—F. W. Brink.
Rev. T. K. Surface was appointed evangelist at large and W. E. Schell chosen as president of York college.

Married by Judge Archer.

County Judge Beeson Friday morning issued a marriage license to J. A. Hathaway, aged 26, of Conneaut, O., and Miss Ollie May Holder, 18 of Council Bluffs, Ia. The couple came in on the train this morning and after getting the license hurried before Justice M. Archer who united them in the holy bonds of matrimony in record time. The happy pair departed on the fast mail this noon for Council Bluffs, Ia.

Grapes For Sale.

White or black grapes, delivered for 2c. per pound. 1 mile East of Winterstein school house. Tel Platt phone 373 Green. G. G. Pitz.

DID NOT GET AWAY

Drunken Laborer Purloins Watch And Is Caught.

On last Wednesday Contractor L. G. Larson hired an itinerant laborer who was about the streets, as a mortar carrier for his plasterers at work on the First National Bank building, the man giving the name of John Harlan. He was an utter stranger having been in the town but a few days. When night came he got a dollar from Mr. Larson and then went off on a drunk. Yesterday he didn't show up and another man was hired in his place. This morning he came around but he was very drunk. He stayed around the building where the carpenters and plasterers were and finally went into the back room where they were working. Mr. Larson was engaged in conversation with a gentleman in the front room at the time and paid no particular attention to the man. In a short time the fellow came out of the room and passed out into the street. A few moments later T. Confirst, one of Mr. Larson's employes called to him from the back room that Harlan had his (Confirst's) watch.

Mr. Larson at once ran to the door and saw Harlan about one-half block away near Giese's saloon. He ran after him and overtook him in front of Matt Herold's store. He halted him and demanded the watch. Harlan denied having it, telling Larson he was merely drunk but not a thief. Mr. Larson spent some little time trying to convince the man that he had best return the watch and finally called to Sam Archer to take the man in charge until he could get an officer. Archer took Harlan by the arm and kept him in custody while Mr. Larson went after the County Attorney to prepare a complaint. Not finding the attorney in, Mr. Larson returned and again renewed his efforts to get Harlan to turn over the watch and save himself trouble. This did not succeed and finally the man was turned over to Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker. After some talk the man was searched and the watch was found in his pocket.

In the meantime Confirst had had a complaint drawn by County Attorney Rawls charging Harlan with stealing the watch which complaint was filed before Justice Archer. When Harlan was arraigned he was in such a state of intoxication that the Court remanded him to jail to sober up.

Had a Big Barn Dance.

Last Saturday night at the farm of John Meisinger, Jr. there was a jolly barn dance held to celebrate the completion of his fine new barn. There were some forty people present and everyone had a great time. As is usual with any of the Meisingers occasions there was plenty to eat and every arrangement for guests to enjoy themselves. The barn is a fine, large structure and one which is a credit to this thrifty, enterprising farmer. Among those who attended the dance was Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Morgan of this city, they driving out. The dancing continued until a late hour.

Married Today.

County Judge Beeson today issued the license and united in marriage Paul Long, aged 28, of Manley, Neb., and Miss Lena Preston, aged 20, of Weeping Water, Neb. The couple were married in the judge's office at the court house, and in the presence of Chas. and Mabel Cole, who acted as witnesses. Following the wedding the couple were the guests of M. Hiatt and family. The bride is a well and popularly known young lady from near Weeping Water, while the groom is a prosperous young farmer of the vicinity of Manley. In common with their many friends the Journal extends its congratulations.

Fingers Badly Pinched.

John Long an employe in the car department at the shops Friday afternoon, had the right middle and ring finger of his hand caught between two sills and badly pinched. He received medical attention for the injuries and will be off his work for several days pending their healing.

There will be a dance at Coate's hall this evening, Fritz Fricke and Geo. Falter having made the necessary arrangements. They have secured the Italian orchestra which has been playing upon the streets today to furnish the music assuring a good time with plenty of fine music. The orchestra is peculiarly adapted to playing dance music.

Emmons Richey is taking in the sights of Omaha today, being a passenger on the noon train.

Visits Local Union.

Thos. Dermody, organizer of cigar-maker's international union, was in the city over night, interviewing members of the union and getting them lined up for pushing their business.

Another object of his coming was to have the merchants of the city understand that it was to their interest to handle only union label products.

There was a meeting of the local union held last night, at which business matters were explained and talked over and Mr. Dermody made every possible effort to get the members interested in pushing their own interests.

He expressed himself this morning as much pleased at the results achieved during the brief time he was here. He departed for Council Bluffs, where he will visit the union at that point.

WERE MARRIED AT HOME.

Rev. Brink Unites Edward P. Wilson and Miss Bessie Tubbs.

A charming home wedding took place last Wednesday evening at the home of Jos. Tubbs, one mile west of Mynard, when Rev. F. W. Brink of the United Brethren church pronounced the words which united Edward P. Wilson and Bessie A. Tubbs in the matrimonial bonds. The wedding ceremony took place at seven o'clock in the evening in the presence of a large gathering of friends, and many relatives of the contracting parties. All these had brought with them many handsome, and costly presents which they showered upon the happy couple. After the interesting and attractive ceremony of Rev. Brink all sat down to a wedding supper which for its excellence has rarely been equaled in this vicinity. The evening was afterwards spent most pleasantly all uniting in wishing the happy couple a long and prosperous wedded life.

The bride is the charming and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. F. Tubbs, two of Cass County's best citizens. She is a young woman of much talent and culture, a popular favorite with all who have the pleasure of knowing her, and a lady who is bound to win herself many friends in her new home. The groom is a prosperous and well known farmer and ranchman of Alvo, Wyo., where he has many broad acres stocked with fine cattle all bespeaking his energy and ambitious aims. He bears a most excellent reputation as a gentleman of thorough integrity and sobriety coupled with keen business acumen and knowledge.

The couple departed this morning over the Burlington for their future home at Alvo, Wyo.

Injured in Handling Ice

Carl Kunsman is limping about his meat market for the past few days as the result of a bad accident he received a few days since. In filling the mammoth ice box or cooler, the ice is raised to the storage room by a hand turned lift, the sprocket wheel being so arranged as to lock by catching in a cog wheel. While Mr. Kunsman was turning the crank to raise a large block of ice and had it almost to the opening he stopped turning and slipped the lever, as he thought, into the cog.

Instead of catching the lever slipped off and the wheel and handle began running backward with terrific force. The handle struck Mr. Kunsman first on the thumb, bending it sharply backward and splitting it wide open. It then flew off the axle and struck him a terrific blow on the instep of the foot. The pain from the two injuries was excruciating and Mr. Kunsman was obliged to require the assistance of his partner, Mr. Range, and his employes to a seat. Medical assistance was speedily summoned and the thumb dressed, while an examination revealed that the foot had escaped with no more serious injury than a bad bruise. No bones were broken, which was very fortunate.

The injury will keep him laid up for several days, however, in a more or less painful condition.

The Government Building.

Contractor L. G. Larson is today in receipt of a letter from the supervising architect of the Treasury department, stating that the plans for the Plattsmouth public building have not yet been drawn. The architect states that it is the practice of the department to have the plans for the buildings drawn as the grounds are purchased. In other words the date of the purchase of the grounds governs the date when work on the plans will be commenced. It will likely be sometime before the plans will be ready.

DEATH TAKES A GOOD MAN

Samuel Vanhorn Dies at Union of Tubercular Peritonitis.

SAMUEL VANHORN.
Born November 13, 1876, in Cass county, Neb. Died at 5:10 p. m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, 1908, at the home of his parents, northeast of Union.

The first serious illness of the deceased was about July 1, his ailment being tubercular peritonitis. His condition was such that it was necessary to take him to a hospital in Omaha, where an operation was performed Aug. 6, and on Aug. 22 he was brought home, being then very weak and emaciated. He continued growing weaker but appeared conscious until death. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, being brief services at the Eaton cemetery where the remains were laid to rest. The pall bearers were Milton Ervin, Sant Train, John Ervin, Elmer Parks, Jesse Hughson and Orrin Ervin.

Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Vanhorn, and his whole life was spent in this neighborhood, with exception of a year or two on the Pacific coast. His jovial disposition was one of the characteristics that made him an agreeable companion and popular among his associates. Many are the friends who regret that he has been called away, and all extend sincere sympathy to the sorrowing parents, brothers and sisters—Union Ledger.

LADY MANAGERS INSPECT HOME.

Party Visits Masonic Home and Are More Than Pleased With the Showing.

Mrs. M. A. Danner, Mrs. F. L. Haller and Mrs. Geo. W. Lininger were in the city Saturday inspecting the new boiler house and general conditions at the masonic home. The ladies were greatly pleased at the conditions which they found existed at the home. They found an especially good feeling present among the inmates who were contented and happy under the management of Supt. Askwith while they found the work on the new boiler house to have been done just as per contract and in thorough accordance with the best of management. At the depot they expressed themselves as being much gratified over the inspection. The ladies returned to their homes in Omaha on the fast mail this noon.

Enjoyed a Fine Visit.

A. H. Pratt departed this afternoon for Lincoln and Tecumseh the latter point being his home, after a visit in this city with J. W. Johnson and other old time friends. Mr. Pratt and Judge Johnson were pioneers in Nebraska together having driven across the plains together and later, enlisted in General Livingston's regiment at this city. The two gentlemen served together throughout the war. Mr. Pratt has been visiting hereabouts for the past week, meeting several old comrades and having a good time generally. He is quite feeble but his faculties are unimpaired except that he is deaf. His visit to Judge Johnson was highly appreciated by that gentleman who thoroughly enjoyed his company reviving old memories of their early manhood.

Who Paid For This Drink?

A London paper, which is far enough away to be safe, started a Mary Ann problem thus: In the United States the Mexican dollar has exchange value of ninety cents. In Mexico the American dollar has the same value.

On the frontier of the United States where Texas joins Mexico there were two saloons, one on each side of the frontier. A man buys a ten cent drink of whiskey at the American saloon and pays for it with an American dollar as change. With this he crosses the border, goes into the Mexican saloon, hands over the Mexican dollar for a ten cent drink and receives an American dollar as change. It is evident that the limit of his purchase power is the length of time he can stand. He finally wakes up with a bad headache and the American dollar with which he started. Who paid for the whiskey?

Meet and Organize.

A meeting to organize a Bryan and Kern club is called for the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening September 16. Everyone believing in the principles advocated by Mr. Bryan and expecting to vote for him, is invited to attend and join. Turn out in force. September 16, at the council chamber.