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AT T. J. SOKOL HALL SATURDAY NIGHT

**A Fine Exhibition of Turning and an Enjoyable
Dance—Excellent Address by Superinten-
dent Gamble of the City Schools.**

From Monday's Daily—

The turning exhibition and dance given Saturday evening at the T. J. Sokol hall was largely attended and was a most successful affair. The program was printed in the Journal and not begun until almost nine thirty as the turners from abroad did not arrive until the 9:30 train. The local class of turners is under the direction of Mr. Louis Jiran and the manner in which they acquitted themselves Saturday night speaks well for his instruction. The music for both the gymnastics and the dance was furnished by Janda's orchestra. As the Plattsmouth turners came into the hall they made a pretty appearance in the turning uniforms. They gave a calisthenic drill that was heartily applauded by the audience. Then Superintendent Gamble of the city schools was introduced by Emil Ptak and gave a thirty-five minute address on physical culture. As several expressed it he struck straight from the shoulder and gave some facts that cannot be denied and that must be met. He was greeted with applause upon his introduction, and applauded loudly and long upon his conclusion. Mr. Gamble is a pleasing speaker at all times and was at his best upon this occasion. We give below some characteristic extracts from his address. He was followed by J. Sterba, district director, who spoke in Bohemian and who was well received.

Mr. Sterba demonstrated that he was thoroughly at home upon the details of instruction in the science of building the body and his address, while not understood by the English speaking portion of the audience, was clearly appreciated by his Bohemian auditors. Between the two addresses all in the house were given a thorough understanding of the value of physical culture for both mind and body and the addresses could not fail to be of great value for their educational influence.

After the speech making, there was an interesting exhibition of turning work by the Plattsmouth and South Omaha teams, the work consisting of horizontal bar, parallel bars and the horse, all of which was fine and highly pleasing to the audience. In these three classes of work the local class showed well the training of Director Jiran and outclassed the visitors throughout. The work of the local class reflected great credit upon the members and shows that training has done much to make them expert turners. Their evolutions met with hearty appreciation from the immense crowd and applause was frequent and spontaneous.

The dance which followed was one of those delightful kind which has made the Sokol famous and the dancers twirled through the various dances to the strains of the fine music of Director Janda's orchestra in thoroughly satisfied style. It was a very late hour before the affair closed. It netted the society quite a handsome sum as such an affair deserves. Below is printed some extracts from Superintendent Gamble's address.

Extracts from Supt. Gamble's Address
No nation is stronger than its citizenship and that nation is the best nation that has for its citizens a people who are strong physically as well as strong along other lines.

The trite saying of the old Greeks "A strong body about a strong mind" is in force today and the man, no matter what his mental capacity, who is hampered by a weak body, is greatly handicapped in the race for survival, in these strenuous times.

We owe much to the Greeks. We study their language, their literature, and their philosophy at the present time. And the world today with all its boasted civilization cannot produce men who are the equals of some of the Greek poets, painters and philosophers. Do you wish to know why? The Greeks developed bodies that were fitting homes for their minds and when the time came they did not suffer a nervous breakdown and have

to be sent to a sanitarium just when they were in their prime and capable of doing their greatest work.

Human development should be threefold, mental, moral and physical. No one can be emphasized without less to the other two. Mental development alone produces a human cylopedia a bundle of nerves. Moral development alone produces a crank, and not always one that will turn things either. Physical development alone produces a prize fighter, a brute. But mental, moral and physical development, produces a man.

Systematic exercise should begin when we are children and continue until we are past our prime. And the proper place for this work to be done is in our public schools. Don't tell me our children don't need physical exercise. Spend a day with me in our own schools and see your own children with pale cheeks, hollow chests, curved spines, and other ailments when they should be physically sound and see whether they need it or not.

If I had my way I would have a gymnasium in every school house in our villages and cities. And I would make physical training as truly a part of the education as I would arithmetic and reading.

Our Y. M. C. A's and societies, such as yours, are doing a great work for the nation, but unfortunately they reach only a small class of people and they are usually not the ones who most need physical training.

If we had more gymnasiums and more people taking physical training we would not have on our streets so many little, dwarfed, stunted, weakened boys smoking cigarettes, and otherwise destroying their bodies, for these things do not go well together.

Look where you will in our city and you will not find a cleaner set of fellows than the young men of this class, who are standing before me and those of the other society with which I affiliate. I am glad to count them among my friends and anyone who says that the turner halls are not fit places for the boys to go when regular class work is being done, do not know what they are talking about.

If a fake doctor of some kind were to come to our city and offer free cure he would be unable to secure a hall large enough to accommodate those who would seek him. Yet in many cases the only thing that is the matter with us is that we do not take enough proper physical exercise to keep the body in a normal condition.

And now I am sure you will pardon me if I speak plainly. I believe that the sentiment is changing in this regard with the younger men in this society. I have but one regret, and one criticism to offer. For the sake of your young men you ought not to allow intoxicating liquors to be sold in your hall upon any occasion. It is not necessary for me to tell you that the use of liquor and good athletics cannot get on well together. I hope the time will come when you will not sell liquor in the same building in which your boys receive their physical instruction. In conclusion, Superintendent Gamble gave the following history of the T. J. Sokols:

The T. J. Sokol, one of the largest athletic organizations in the United States and Europe, was first organized in the United States in St. Louis in 1865, with 65 members. From 1867 to 1877 local clubs were organized as follows: Chicago, 1866; Milwaukee, 1867; New York, 1869; Mavina, N. J., 1869; Cleveland, 1870; Cedar Rapids, 1873; Detroit, 1875; St. Paul, 1876; Omaha, 1877. Omaha organized with 554 members. In 1877 the first national tournament was held in Chicago. At this time Chicago was made their headquarters and a monthly magazine was published, which is continued to the present day. Between 1879 and 1898 national tournaments were held in Chicago, Detroit, Cedar Rapids and Omaha. To Cedar Rapids Nebraska sent 15 delegates. In 1882 the membership increased to 3,500. In 1898,

46 lodges contained 2,997 athletes. In 1903 the national assembly was held in St. Louis. At this time the Young Women's Athletic association was organized. The national tournament in 1904 was held at the St. Louis exposition with 226 men and 66 young women delegates. Last August at the Detroit national assembly the association was divided into four districts. Nebraska being in the western district, with Omaha as headquarters.

Nebraska has a membership of 1,112 members. There are thirty associations in the state, five of these being young ladies' associations. Annual tournaments are held in various localities. Every five years an international tournament is held at Prague. The last one was held last year. In 1881 the first international tournament was held at Prague with 720 active members; the second in 1891, with 7,000, the third in 1895, with 7,500, 4,500 of whom were active. The fourth was held in 1901, with 16,000 delegates of which 2,400 were active members, 800 of them being women. The fifth was held in 1907, with 20,000 delegates, of whom 3,350 were active turners, 850 being men and 2,500 women.

Europe has 711 local lodges of 58,000 members, 7,000 of which are young women, 12,000 boys, 11,000 girls and 3,500 teachers.

The Plattsmouth Athletic association was organized in 1891 with 12 members. Today the organization numbers 42.

Card of Thanks.

The active class of the T. J. Sokol society desires, through the columns of the Journal, to express their thanks to Superintendent J. W. Gamble for his able address upon physical culture, given at their entertainment Saturday evening.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BURLINGTON

**Shows and Excellent Business and a
Very Low Death Rate.**

The annual report of the Burlington Railway company filed with the railway commission shows that the company is doing a better business in Nebraska than it does on the entire system. Its operating expenses in Nebraska are only 58.42 percent of the gross earnings in Nebraska, while for the entire system the operating expenses are about 71 per cent. It receives more per ton per mile for hauling freight in Nebraska than it does on the entire system and it carries more passengers per train mile in Nebraska than it averages on the system.

The gross earnings from all sources in Nebraska for the year ending June 30, were \$20,594,780.74. Its operating expenses in the state for the same period were \$12,004,798.67. The receipts per passenger mile in Nebraska are 18 9-10 mills and on the system 18 5-10 mills. Its receipts per ton per mile were 11 5-10 mills in Nebraska and 7 9-10 mills on the system. The average number of passengers per train mile in Nebraska was 72 while on the system it was 61. These figures show that even with a two-cent fare law in force in Nebraska the Burlington road carried more passengers per train mile in this state than it did on the system and that the receipts per passenger were more than the average on the entire system.

The death record on the lines in Nebraska is considered very low. Thirty-three were killed and none of these was a passenger. Twenty-two of those killed were reported as trespassers and eleven of the killed were railway employees. The number of persons injured was 694.

The Burlington reports capital stock aggregating \$110,839,100. Its bonded debt is \$183,064,000. During the year covered by the report it paid \$15,517,474 in dividends and to do this drew \$6,650,346 from its surplus fund. It paid one dividend of 8 per cent and another of 6 per cent on its stock. There was paid on the bonded debt \$7,126,003.33. There was expended for betterments for railway and equipment \$13,550,615.23 which was charged to capital stock and \$3,168,414.61 which was charged to special funds.

Good Farm for Sale.

Good 160 acre farm, 2 1/2 miles southwest of Oreadpolis, 5 1/2 miles northwest of Plattsmouth, good improvements. Water is plentiful. For particulars and terms see G. J. Halmes, Plattsmouth. 1mo.

In District Court.

From Monday's Daily—

District Judge Travis came home Saturday night after a week's court at Nebraska city, and this morning held a brief session of court here. Among other matters he had Fred Ossenkop arraigned before him and raised the amount of the bond under which he is at large from \$10,000 to \$15,000, accepting John Ossenkop as surety for this sum and for the appearance of the defendant.

In the matter of the sale of land in the Dewey estate, Attorney John M. Leyda, as guardian ad litem of the minor heirs, filed a motion asking to have the sale set aside upon the ground of improper notice having been given. The motion was not passed upon.

In the case of Lee vs. Hall a motion for a new trial was argued and submitted.

DEATH OF MRS. GEO. H. POISALL.

A Good Wife and Loving Mother Passes Over the Great Beyond.

From Monday's Daily—

Died—Poisall—Mrs. Jennie Knight aged 52 years, 8 months and 23 days, at her home in Plattsmouth, Neb., on November 22, 1908, at 1:20 p. m. Funeral from the residence of South Seventh street on Tuesday, November 24, at 2 p. m., Rev. Randall officiating.

Yesterday afternoon the grim destroyer invaded the home of George H. Poisall and carried away the companion of his life, death coming to Mrs. Poisall after a brief illness. For days this most estimable wife and mother had been lying in the shadow of the long valley, and when the end came it was not unexpected. Seized with her last illness very suddenly a little over a week ago her condition had at no time shown improvement and the attending physician held out no hope to the stricken husband and children, all of whom were at her bedside when the end came.

For thirty years Mrs. Poisall had lived in this city, and during that time she had made many friends who live to mourn her untimely taking away. An earnest, conscientious and faithful woman, one whose whole life was such that it merited the respect and love of all with whom she came in contact, death leaves a void in their hearts which time can never obliterate. Her life's journey with its sunshine and its storm closed all too soon, but all who knew here rejoice that her Christian spirit was sure of its final reward and a glorious future beyond the river.

Mrs. Poisall, born Jennie Knight, first saw the light of day on February 29th, 1856, in Whitley county, Indiana. When she was two years of age her parents moved to Sarpy county, Neb., locating near the then town of Forest City, now Gretna, where her aged mother now resides. On June 9, 1876 she was united in marriage at Forest City to Geo. H. Poisall removing from that place to this city two years later, and since residing here. To this union there was born nine children, of which eight still survive, four boys and four girls. The boys are George, Jr., Harry, Robert, and Charles, all of whom live in this city, and the daughters were Mrs. Emma Chandler, residing at Fairbury, Neb., Mrs. Myrtle Speck, residing at Omaha, Neb., and Mabel Poisall, living at home in this city, and one other daughter married.

The funeral services will occur tomorrow afternoon from the residence on South Seventh street, at two o'clock p. m., Rev. A. A. Randall of the Methodist church officiating. During all her life Mrs. Poisall was a devoted member of this church.

The entire sympathy of the community goes out to the stricken husband and the sorrowing children for Mrs. Poisall was one of Nature's noblest women.

For Sale or Rent—A good, eight room house, with barn. Enquire of T. M. Patterson at Bank of Cass County.

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New Discovery
FOR COUGHS
AND ALL THROAT AND LUNG TROUBLES.**
PRICE 50c & \$1.00.
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GUARANTEED SATISFACTORY
OR MONEY REFUNDED.

THOSE WHO WON IN MISSPELLED CONTEST

**Miss Ruth Chapman and Chas. Bell, jr., Divide
First Prize of Five Dollars—Those Who
Captured the Other Minor Prizes.**

From Tuesday's Daily—

The A. B. C. editor after spending several days in struggling with the mass of letters submitted in competition for the several prizes has finally determined upon the award and the same is printed below. That the contest was a big success one need only look over the great number of letters to tell. And out of them all there were just two that were entirely correct and only one which had but one mistake while six had only two mistakes. The letters came from all sections of the state, and even from far distant states, where the Journal had its circulation. That it is a good medium of advertising was evident from this fact. The letters further represented all classes of people and of every age from small children whose painfully scrawled missives struggling for the prize compared with the cultured, well rounded hand of the man of business, or the delicate lines of femininity.

In awarding the prizes it was thought best to divide them. The correct list of words which were misspelled were:

Correct	Misspelled
A—Radiant	Radiant
B—Repairing	Repairing
C—Selections	Collections
D—Add	Add
E—Mechanics	Mechanists
F—Patronize	Patrinize
G—Merchandise	Merchandise
H—Ruswin	Ruswin
I—Coats	Coats
J—Medal	Medel
M—Illustration	Illustration
O—Restaurant	Restruant
L—Liability	Liability
R—Delicacies	Decalicies
S—Special	Speical
U—Absurd	Absurb

EXCELLENT PRO- GRAM RENDERED

**By the Plattsmouth Musicians at the
Presbyterian Church Sunday Eve.**

From Monday's Daily—

The fine musical program prepared and given by the Presbyterian choir at the church last evening was heard by a good crowd, many being attracted by the superior excellence of the program and the talented singers engaged upon it. That the church would have been filled to overflowing had it not been for the inclement weather is quite sure. At it was the attraction was sufficient to bring out a very nice crowd.

As was to be expected the several solos and quartettes were the features of a program throughout most excellent. Mrs. Gamble sang St. Quentin's "Spirit Eternal" in excellent voice as is usual with this talented artist. The solo selected by Mr. McElwain "Hope" was also one of St. Quentin's productions, and he gave it an exceptionally good rendition. Mr. White sang "Come Unto Me" splendidly and greatly pleased the critical portion of the audience.

The several quartettes "Tarry With Me," and "Christian, the Morn" were excellently given by the fine quartette consisting of Mrs. Gamble, Miss Baird, Messrs White and McElwain, the audience greatly appreciating their work.

The work of the chorus was also excellent and the entire program was such a one as the members of the choir might well be proud of.

In County Court.

In county court several days ago an action in replevin growing out of the recent case of Wilkins vs. Benfer was commenced by one Maher, who claims to be the owner of the fixtures which were in the saloon and were attached. The title of the case is Maher vs. Wilkins and Denson, the constable. The contention of A. N. Sullivan, who represents Maher, is that Benfer did not own the fixtures. No effort is made to replevin the stock of goods levied upon.

V—Always Allways

W—Material Matarial

Y—Pressing Pressing

Z—Confectionery Confectionary

Those who selected the above words and correctly spelled them in their letters were Miss Ruth Chapman and Chas. Bell, jr., both of this city. Each of whom are awarded two dollars and a 1/2 pr. the first prize of five dollars being awarded between them. Both of these lists were excellently gotten up and were exact in pointing out the errors of the list as well as spelling the words correctly in their list.

The second prize of two dollars is awarded to Mrs. C. E. Duke, of this city. Mrs. Duke also selected an excellent list, pointing out all the misspelled words but making one slight error which was responsible for robbing her of a share in the first prize.

The three prizes of one dollar each are to be divided between six competitors, there being no way by which the superiority between them could be determined. Each of these had two errors in their list which was just enough to throw them out of the first and second prize winning classes. Those who win in the third class and win fifty cents each are Bertha Jackson, Box 193; Alice Weyrich, Plattsmouth; Homer E. Miller, Box 27, Plainville, Neb.; Miss Norine Schulhof, Plattsmouth, Neb.; Miss Alice Rakes, Mynard, Neb.; and Otto E. Lutz, Box 27, Plattsmouth, Neb.

Many of the other letters submitted were excellently gotten up and came within very little of winning some of the prizes, but unfortunately errors prevented. It is pleasant to find so much interest was taken in the contest and that Journal ads are so generally read.

Saloon Open Again.

From Tuesday's Daily—

Other and additional complications have arisen in the litigation growing out of the Benfer saloon property mention of which was made in these columns several times recently. Saturday, Attorney W. C. Ramsey, on behalf of Ed Egenberger, attached the fixtures in the saloon for one of Benfer bills and yesterday Sheriff Quinton replevined the same on behalf of one Maher, who claimed to own them. Today a surety bond was given by Maher to the sheriff and the fixtures and saloon was turned over to the Blatz people once more. They notified Constable Denson and Attorney Ramsey to at once take out the stock which they had attached so they might open and do business. This led to considerable argument between the parties for a time and it looked as if a choice lot of wines, liquors and cigars was going to be set out into the street, but this afternoon the stuff was finally taken out by the constable and the saloon again opened up. There are a number of interesting questions involved in the litigation which will likely be long drawn out and expensive.

This afternoon when Constable Denson and Charles Wilkins went to the saloon to remove the attached stock. A. J. Lepinski, the agent for the brewery, became rather obnoxious in his conduct and for a few moments it looked as if there would be trouble between him and Wilkins. The constable finally interfered and quiet was restored. The litigation is causing some bitterness between the parties.

Accidently Shot.

Chas. Dasher, formerly of this city, but now located at Rogers, Neb., was in the city overnight, returning to his work on the early train this morning. Mr. Dasher was called to Omaha several days since by an accident to his brother Will. While out hunting last Thursday that gentleman accidentally shot himself in the calf of the leg, inflicting a wound painful and serious which caused him to be taken to the hospital. Mr. Dasher reports that he is now in fair shape, and should no unforeseen complications arise, he will likely recover without permanent injury.