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GRAND COUNCIL OF NEBRASKA RED MEN

Will Meet in Plattsmouth Next Year--Good Work Done by Local Members.

Plattsmouth, Neb., Oct. 22, 1909.
To the Editor of the Journal:

My Dear Sir—I beg leave through your paper to state that as a delegate to great council of the Improved Order of Red Men of the reservation of Nebraska, for the benefit of those who were not there, that it was one of the greatest gatherings that I ever had the pleasure of attending. We had men of all callings, from barbers to United States senators, United States marshals, United States judges and judges of the district courts of the state, with lawyers galore, and I want to say that it was one of the most prominent bodies of men that I have ever had the pleasure of meeting with. And while at the Lyric theater, where the degree work was demonstrated to the many palefaces that were there, Mayor Dahman turned the keys over to us and told us to go where we pleased, do what we pleased, and furthermore he said if one got in any trouble to telephone him and he would come and get them out, and if he could not he would have that noble Red Man, Judge Sutton, to issue a habeas corpus for us. And I want to say that Plattsmouth was on the lips of everybody after the saw the crowd from our old town. And now I will say that the gathering at Omaha of Red Men from all over the state was one of the greatest advertisements that Plattsmouth has had for a long time, for we fully demonstrated to them that Plattsmouth was still on the map of Nebraska. To give a full detail would take too much of your valuable space, but will say I banqueted with the banqueters, and O, Lord, you would have had to have been there to fully realize what didn't happen, for we had everything that was coming to use from champagne to venison in a six-course service at the Millard hotel. And now, Brother Red Men and the citizens of Platts-

mouth, I will say to you that we have landed the next great council of the Red Men for Plattsmouth, which will meet some time next October, and let us show to the great chiefs and delegates when they come that Plattsmouth is the best town in the state. So now if you want to enthrone with us, get in on the ground floor and help the Red Men whoop for our old town. Respectfully,

JOHN C. YORK.

In connection with the above letter of Brother York, the Journal desires to extend its congratulations to the members of the Red Men upon their achievement in landing the next great council. This is a gathering which means much to the city, and it is the duty of every good citizen to turn in now and commence to prepare for a grand greeting for the braves. The Improved Order of Red Men have made wonderful strides in the past few years in Nebraska and in this city, they have a fine council, full of live ones, as the landing of the great council shows, and the fact that Plattsmouth led all other cities in the state in the number of candidates for adoption by the order.

As Mr. York says, the showing which the local council made reflected great credit upon it, and was a handsome advertisement for this city. Too much credit cannot be given the delegates and the members of the local council for their activity and hard work and the splendid results which they achieved. Plattsmouth has every facility for entertaining large gatherings, good hotels, a splendid theater, many good halls and everything else which conduces to an ideal convention center. The great council of Red Men in October, 1910, should be given the glad hand and shown a live, bustling city. More conventions are needed and other organizations can afford to emulate the hustling members of the local Red Men.

Spinal Meningitis at Lincoln.

There are at present three cases of spinal meningitis in the city. All are quarantined. The city has not been entirely free from the disease for some time, although it is not spreading rapidly. So far six cases in all have been quarantined, one thereof which the quarantine has been removed. In each of these three families the patient suffering from the disease has died, and the disease did not spread to other members of the family. Physicians are somewhat puzzled over the disease, as it does not seem to spread with the rapidity that might be expected of it. It is held to be both contagious and infectious. Yet, in a few cases where the matter of quarantine, has not been promptly attended to, there has been no spread of the disease. Even in the homes that have been quarantined there has been not more than one patient, a fact that causes some surprise among the attending physicians, as they expect the disease to spread at least among different members of the family thus exposed. The disease is usually found, according to theory, in low, damp places, but the cases at present in the city are not all in the bottoms. Dr. Leonhardt of the city board of health believes that unsanitary conditions about the home and in the neighborhood is largely responsible for the outbreaking of this disease.—Lincoln Journal.

Wescott's Distribute Prizes.

The regular weekly unveiling of the clock at Wescott's Sons took place Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the appointed time a large number of interested spectators being present. The clock when unveiled showed that it had stopped at the hour of 12:49:00 exactly. The nearest number to the time was held by Mrs. Carl Kopschka of this city and was 1:05:04 and Mrs. Kopschka was awarded the three green dollars. The regular unveiling has become a feature of the weekly life of the Wescott store and it does not fail to attract a large and interested crowd at every time. An impression has gotten abroad that this is a guessing contest but such is not the case. The arrangement is that every purchaser of \$1 or over receives a numbered ticket for each dollar's worth bought. These numbered tickets are such as show the exact time which the clock may stop on and the combinations run into the thousands. It is not possible to duplicate the numbers hardly and 40,000 combinations can be made. The purchaser does not guess for himself. The prizes which consist of three one dollar bills have so far been scattered over eastern Cass county and the whole scheme is one of the utmost fairness. The next unveiling will take place on Wednesday, October 27, at 3 o'clock p. m.

All Masons.

Among those upon whom the highest degree in masonry was conferred several days since by the supreme council of the Scottish Rite Masons at Washington, D. C., was Hon. F. E. White, secretary of the Nebraska State Masons and formerly a resident of this city. Mr. White had the thirty-third degree of masonry conferred upon him and the ceremonies take place tonight in the national capitol. Every one in this city, and in fact, nearly every one in Nebraska, knows Frank White, and they join in congratulations upon his attaining the highest honors of masonry. He is the son of Hon. F. S. White of this city, and the well known pioneer. Mr. White is now in his eighty-sixth year and in January next he will be 86, and he is justly proud of his distinguished son. The senior Mr. White has been a Mason for more than forty years, a record to be proud of. Three of his sons are in the commandery besides himself. Two of his sons, A. W. White and W. J. White, live in this city, while a third son, A. C. White, lives at Fort Morgan, Col., all active members of the order.

Look Out for Chicken Thieves.

As cold weather comes on apace we advise those who feel interested to keep on the lookout for chicken thieves. Already evidences that they intend to apply their avocation this winter have cropped out. Many dozens of chickens were stolen right in the city of Plattsmouth last winter, and it behooves chicken raisers to be on their guard. Get you a good shotgun and when you hear the chickens are being disturbed fire right straight to the door of the chicken house and nine times out of ten you will hit the thief. Don't be afraid to shoot, and when they find out your intentions are to get them they will cease their visits.

An Inexcusable Error.

From Friday's Daily.
Through an inexcusable error yesterday the funeral of the late Homer K. Dunbar was spoken of as taking place yesterday, when it took place this afternoon from the Hotel Riley. The services were under charge of Rev. J. T. Baird, for many years a friend of the deceased, and were quite impressive. Rev. Baird delivered a sermon touching upon the many excellent attributes of the deceased, and the high standards which his life had occupied. The address was a touching and very appropriate tribute to a man whose life had been such a merited emulation by all. Appropriate music was given.

Immediately following the services at the hotel, the casket was taken to the Burlington station, where a train for Ashland was taken, interment being made in the beautiful Ashland cemetery. Those of the old-time friends of deceased who acted as pallbearers in this city were Hon. J. E. Douglas, George Edgerton, Mr. S. Briggs, Edward Lutz, Walter J. White and William F. Gillespie.

There was a very large attendance of old friends, both of this city and abroad, to pay a last tribute of respect this afternoon, those from his old home at Ashland including Mr. and Mrs. Harford, Mr. and Mrs. Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wiggenhorn and Messrs. Will Scott and Cliff Rallsback.

Improving Residence.

C. S. Johnson, yardmaster of the Burlington, is making some marked improvements on his already fine modern residence in the southern part of the city, among other things having a hot-air heating plant put into the house. John S. Hall is doing the work and the plant when completed will be a modern, up-to-date one. It is a pattern guaranteed to give satisfaction and the workmanship will be of Mr. Hall's well known high standard. He expects to complete the work by Saturday next.

Sold His Kansas Farm.

One Plattsmouth citizen who has been gifted with wise foresight which proved itself in Fred Range. Mr. Range several days since closed a deal whereby he disposed of his farm near Leroy, Kas., for the sum of \$21,600, making thus a decidedly handsome profit. This farm Mr. Range took in exchange for the property lying in the southern end of the city and known as the Ed. Oliver property, now occupied by August Gorder as a home. The man trading it to him was Mr. I. G. Meyers of Illinois, and at the time the trade was made the impression prevailed that Meyers had much the best of the deal. That Mr. Range had good foresight time has demonstrated, as he has been able to sell the 480 acres, which comprised the farm, for \$45 per acre, or a total of \$21,600. This is in addition to taking off several fine crops from the place. Mr. Range was much gratified to be able to come out so handsomely on the deal, and has already made arrangements for investing the proceeds where it appears he will again handsomely profit. The purchasers of his property are well known business men of Kansas, and men who are acquainted with the property, they paying cash for it. Nothing better illustrates the advance in farm values than this state of a rapid deal.

Will Have Operation Performed.

Merchant Policeman Nelson Jones this afternoon was a passenger for Omaha, where he goes to be operated upon at a hospital for an enlarged gland under one of his arms. The gland has been troubling him for some time past, and he finally determined to have it operated upon and cured, receiving a telephone message from Omaha this morning to come at once while the surgeons were able to take care of him. He will be gone for several weeks and will return entirely well. During his absence former Chief of Police Rainey will act as night policeman.

COMMERCIAL CLUB CRUSADE

The Citizens More Than Gratified With Prospects of Betterment for the Old Town.

The good results of the Commercial club's crusade for new industries is showing today in good earnest. This morning a contract was entered into and the workmen commenced the work of remodeling the Pearlman building on Main street between Third and Fourth for occupancy by the M. E. Smith factory. The tanners and carpenters commenced work on the structure and within a very few days it will be so changed that one will not know it. John Bauer secured the contract for repairing the roof and for the installation of the lavatories and closets; his foreman J. M. Johns marshaling his forces and descending upon the building within a very short time after the contract was signed. Work will be rushed and in a space of time almost phenomenal the building will be ready for occupancy.

President Falter of the Commercial club is tireless in pushing preparations for the work on the building and for completing arrangement for its occupancy. He has been after the company and secured the closing of the contract and now he is engaged in pushing the work of remodeling the building so that the machines can be commenced.

In connection with this Mr. Falter wants the matter of enrolling for places in the factory should receive the fullest attention from the public. Women and girls are needed for the work and they should not lose any time in enrolling their names with Secretary E. H. Wescott of the Commercial club.

Mr. Wescott has a large number of names already enrolled for the work but still he is far from the necessary number and all those who desire work or who have persons desiring work are invited to call on him and leave their names. It is not desired to have outsiders imported to fill the jobs but to confine the work to Plattsmouth people as far as possible and with this lead in view, both Mr. Falter and Mr. Wescott unite in asking a speedy enrollment of names. There is a general understanding that there are many desiring work here and if this is the case now is the time to apply for it. It is remunerative and the hours are not long and every condition favorable to good and profitable work exists.

The Commercial club is more than gratified over the commendation which its efforts have met with and it has a number of good things up its sleeve which will be given to the public later. The Journal knows of these things but it cannot at this time make them public. Sufficient to say that the Commercial club is a live body and that they are taking steps to place Plattsmouth in the front ranks. They can be credited with a long mark in securing the Smith factory which means thousands of dollars for Plattsmouth in the course of a year and they are entitled to great credit for their work toward lighting the city. In these endeavors they have been assisted materially by the public spirited city administration and other things which they may ask in the future from the city are assured of right treatment.

One thing which it is desired to impress thoroughly on the public is the necessity for sending in or bringing in the names of those who want work in the new factory. Secretary Wescott wants to be in a position to tell the proprietors of the factory that he has the workers and those who want to work or need to, let him know today. Our people come first, then the outsiders.

Visits the Old Home.

From Friday's Daily.
Edward Bates, who has been stopping in the city for several days, departed this morning for Newton, Ia., where he will visit his sister for several days, after which he will depart for northern Iowa and visit his old home. Mr. Bates enlisted in the Union army from that point, and returned from the service in time to be present at the death of his aged and estimable mother, and one of the objects of his trip is to visit at her grave. He will be gone for several weeks.

WAITING FOR THE COUNCIL TO PLACE LIGHTS

Everything Being Put in Shape By the Lighting Company to Comply With Contract

Arrangements for lighting the city under the new contract recently entered into between the council and the light company are continuing apace. Superintendent Clabaugh of the local company placed orders for the material and equipment necessary for the work of putting in the lights, and is now waiting the action of the council in locating the lights ordered, so that he can put his force of men at work. The difficulty which is confronting him is that of holding his workmen together until the material gets here and until the location of the lights is made, as there is a steady demand for linemen and other workmen whom he has under contract.

The city council will meet tonight for an informal discussion of the location of the lights, and on Monday night it is expected an ordinance formally locating the lights will be passed and the way cleared to put the men at work.

Mr. Clabaugh states that he is anxious to get all orders for power on file at once, as he desires to know just how much current is going to be needed at the start. The M. E. Smith factory will not be in operation until the first of the month, and he does not count on that until that time, but he wants all those who desire power now to turn in their orders at once, and the company is prepared to furnish the power. Under its contract and understanding with the city, the Nebraska Lighting company was to furnish power within ten days, and it stands ready to do so, according to the superintendent. Mr. Clabaugh this morning was in consultation with Mayor Sattler and Chairman Dwyer of the judiciary committee of the council regarding turning on

power, and they stated to him that unless it demanded of him, they did not expect him to furnish power before the first of November, when the Smith factory starts up. While this is gratifying and shows a disposition by the city to treat the company fairly, Mr. Clabaugh states that if it is possible power will be turned on in advance of the time.

In ordering material for the lights, Mr. Clabaugh made a rush order and expects to have all the stuff on the ground in a very short time. The boulevard gas lamps have to come from New York, but they were ordered just the moment the contract was closed, and they should be here very soon. Piping and like materials are easily obtained and when the location and other details are determined on workmen will rush that part of the work to completion.

In connection with installing power machinery Mr. Clabaugh has found several bargains in small second-hand motors at different points, which the company will sell to prospective consumers at prices which will make it worth their while to buy. The motors so far located are suitable for running fans and the like and larger ones for heavier work are scarce and hard to get hold of. He is making a diligent search for such machines and expects to be able to find some within a short time, when they will be offered the public at cost price.

Altogether the indications are excellent for the immediate installation of power and lights, and before winter sets in Plattsmouth will have a good lighting system in operation and will be prepared to buck the bad nights. In addition the hum of electrical machinery throughout the city will be heard and life and activity will reign in all quarters.

Enjoys Birthday Party.

Yesterday was the seventy-first birthday of Mrs. Minerva Johnson, and a large number of her friends and neighbors gathered at her home to assist her in properly observing the occasion. They spent the time very pleasantly talking over past days and olden times and later repaired to the dining room, where there was a table laden with everything the heart could desire. The meal, which was, in fact, a veritable feast, was greatly enjoyed and every one did full justice to the choice viands set before them, remaining at the table and in the pleasant home until a late hour, when they departed for their homes wishing their honored hostess many more such happy birthdays. They also presented her with many costly and handsome presents as a token of their gratification at her rounding out another milestone in a long life which greatly affected and pleased the lady.

Those attending the pleasant gathering were Mrs. Michael Hild, Mrs. John Busche, Mrs. J. M. Young, Mrs. H. Steinhauer, Miss Gladys Steinhauer and Mrs. Johnson.

Red Men in Session.

From Saturday's Daily.
The local council of the Red Men last evening held a largely attended meeting at their lodge room and had a most delightful time. They were all well pleased at the result of their big excursion to the great council, and especially proud of their success in securing the largest class of candidates for adoption. It was decided, among other things, to hold a dance in the near future, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Anton H. Koubek, John C. York and Ben C. Hyde was appointed to make arrangements therefor. The dance will be held on Friday night, November 5.

S. Furlong and son Mark are among the Rock Bluffs visitors in the city today.

Taken for Bank Robber.

William DelesDenier, the prominent Elmwood attorney, was in the city over night, departing this morning for Omaha and Lincoln, having business before the supreme court at the latter place to attend to. The Journal is pleased to note Mr. DelesDenier's escape from an unpleasant predicament the other day. Shortly following the Shubert bank robbery, he had business down in that locality and was on the train going through the town when it was boarded by officers. Being tired and sleepy William was wrapped in the arms of Morpheus and as the poet would say, was "hitting the high spots" when the lynx-eyed officers swooped down on the train in search of robbers, and some vile traveling man who knew Bill pointed him out as a man who had just gotten on at that place. The officers surrounded him and prodded him and proceeded to rudely interrupt his slumbers. He was considerably surprised at the commotion and the application of the stomach pump which the officers attempted to use on him, and demurred on giving his private history and other details before knowing the whyness of it. They finally informed him that he was under suspicion of being one of the robbers, and they were on the verge of throwing him into the dungeon keep, when he awakened and told them the sad story of his life. They finally let him go, but he says he is sure they were doubtful about it, and hated to do so. He vows it will be a long, chilly day before he goes prowling about Shubert again.

George S. Smith, Democratic candidate for assessor of Rock Bluffs precinct, was in the city today looking after business matters. Mr. Smith reports the outlook for Democratic success flourishing in the extreme and believes old Rock Bluffs will roll up its normal majority for the ticket.