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THE CLUB BANQUET MONDAY NIGHT A HOWLING SUCCESS

The Participants Highly Gratified With the Entertaining Program and Feast of Good Things.

The banquet of the commercial club last evening at Coates' Hall was the most brilliant affair of the kind ever given in this city. It was a grand success in every particular and the management of the dinner deserve the highest commendation for the smoothness with which everything passed off. There was an attendance which was more than gratifying to the club managers, there being some one hundred and fifty present and everyone who was there enjoyed themselves to the utmost. As Rev. Father M. S. Shine pleasantly remarked "It is a feast of reason and a flow of soul."

And not the least inspiring feature of the evening was the banquet itself. Prepared by the Presbyterian ladies, it was a superb colation and worthy of the greatest enjoyment. The menu had been prepared by a master hand and there was all that man could want of the good things of life. It has been said that the way to reach a man's heart is through his stomach, and certainly the Presbyterian ladies reached the hearts of their guests. The tables for the occasion had been arranged so that the speakers table extended across the south side of the hall from west to east while two other tables for those holding tickets extended down the east and west sides of the room from the ends of the speaker's table. The improvised tables had been handsomely decorated by the ladies, large, magnificent chrysanthemums furnishing the main feature of the decorations. The tables were also handsomely illuminated with many candles set in pretty glass candle sticks, the entire effect being very pretty and displaying much work on the part of the willing hostesses.

The dinner was served by a bevy of charming young ladies to whom great credit must be given for the efficient manner in which they handled the large gathering and the promptness with which they served the viands. The young ladies serving were Misses Mabel Davis, Bernice Newell, Martha Goehry, Arline Shipman, Gladys Sullivan, Carrie Greenwald, Helen Chapman, Frances Weldman, Ruth Johnson, Carrie and Estelle Baird, Pearl Staats, Hazel Bovey, Alma Larson and Alice Johnston. The menu was as follows:

- Oyster Cocktail
- Consomme Celery
- Balled Beef, Potato Salad, Mashed Potatoes
- Fruit Salad
- Neapolitan Ice Cream—Cake
- Coffee
- Cigars.

During the progress of the last course of the menu a very pleasant interpolation was made by the pianist and violinist of the Parmele theater, who had been kindly loaned by Mr. Parmele and Manager Dunbar for the occasion, appearing and giving several very excellent selections on their instruments which the audience greatly enjoyed and warmly applauded. In addition Messrs. Wilson and Murray, the team of dancers playing at the Parmele this week appeared and greatly pleased the club members and their guests with some very fine clog dancing and singing. This team made the hit of the evening and were greeted with great applause. They are accomplished dancers and have good voices and are well worth seeing and hearing during their stay in the city. Other music was furnished during the evening by Miss Hazel Dovey who presided at the piano during the entrance of the diners to the room with Miss Ruth Johnson, who played the piano at intervals during the dinner. Both young ladies are fine musicians and their work was much appreciated. It is to be regretted that space forbids comment upon this feature of the evening as there is much which could be said.

Immediately following the dinner and when the smoke from the cigars had commenced to curl up, Prof. J. W. Gamble at the center of the speakers' table and in a few brief and well chosen words explained that he had been drafted at the eleventh hour to take the place of Byron Clark as toastmaster, the lat-

ter being called away at the last moment. Mr. Gamble told several good stories after which he introduced Secretary E. H. Wescott of the commercial club, as a "man who does things."

Secretary Wescott was a very pleasant surprise to the audience who had been unaware of his powers as a speaker and throughout his response to the toast "Eleven plus," he was greeted with hearty applause. Mr. Wescott in opening demanded evidence of his good works and acknowledged the handsome compliment which the toastmaster had paid him. He declared that the banquet was for the purpose of a lot of royal good fellows getting together. He explained his reason for being there as because the committee had told him to come. He referred to the constant use of the inquiry "what are you doing?" and insisted on "what are we doing" as the proper way to phrase it. An epigram of his was "A town is very much like an individual, it adds to and grows or it takes from and loses." He made a very happy allusion to this city and its growing and then took up the "eleven plus" which he explained meant the letters in the word Plattsmouth. He was quite eloquent on this topic and roused his hearers to the greatest enthusiasm when he referred to the energy, thrift and honor of the city and asked that it be made bigger, better and broader. Space forbids an extended review of Mr. Wescott's remarks. He spoke of the letter P in the city's name standing for professional men, the letter L for the editors, the letter A for arts and artisans, the letter T for the tillers of the soil, the second T for the teachers, the letters S and M for the salesmen and merchants, the letter O for the officeholders, the letter U for the usurer, the letter T for tollers, and the letter H for home. To all the several classes he paid eloquent tribute, especially to the home. He closed with a strong and ringing appeal for a bigger Plattsmouth and pointed out co-operation as the plus of his equation. All told, Mr. Wescott's address was a masterpiece and he deserves the highest credit for it and the able thoughts which he suggested.

At his close Toastmaster Gamble introduced Arthur Smith, president of the M. E. Smith company, in a few well chosen words. Mrs. Smith responded to the toast "Neighbors." Mr. Smith spoke of himself as the latest resident of this city and his now being a citizen here. He denied being a speaker but was a plain, everyday business man. He paid Secretary Wescott a high compliment for his speech and then spoke of the new factory which the company is installing here. He highly praised the location and general prospect of the factory and especially complimented the high grade of operatives which the company had secured here. He assured the club that the company wanted all the help they could get as they need the output. Much of the output is sold in this city. He stated the first six or seven weeks was the trying time in such an institution but things would come right at the end of that time. At first, of course, work is to be done here and later it is planned to make the higher grade goods. He explained he was glad to be here and that he had cancelled a very important engagement to be present. He spoke of the necessity of prosperity for the welfare of the community as well as his factory and pointed out the community of interests existing. He highly complimented the city upon the large gathering before him and stated it exceeded many of the Omaha gatherings he had attended. He advised taking up one thing at a time and pushing it through to completion. In conclusion he thanked the ladies for the splendid supper and the community for its aid to his firm.

Toastmaster Gamble next introduced P. A. Barrows with a funny story and the latter responded with a fund of stories which served to keep the audience in a good humor.

Following Mr. Barrows, Toastmaster Gamble introduced J. M. Guild, of the Omaha Commercial club, in a few well chosen words.

Mr. Guild who denominated himself supervisor of the Omaha Commercial club spoke of having visited this city in 1888 and for that reason he was glad to accept an invitation to call again now. He paid Governor Sheldon a high compliment as a booster for Nebraska on the trip which the Omaha Commercial club made to the Pacific coast several years ago. Mr. Guild claimed Omaha believed in reciprocity and wanted to be on good terms with all towns in the state and have them visit Omaha as well as Omaha visit them. He commended the dinner idea as a means of getting together and spoke of the powerful agency for good which a commercial club was. One striking idea which he advanced was that members must not think "what can I get out of it" but "what can I do for it." He advised exploiting the advantages of the city and scored the special correspondents who sent sensational stories out of a city of fire and blood and disaster. He mentioned the several bureaus of the Omaha club, including the traffic and publicity bureaus, which had accomplished so much good. It took money to run them but it paid. Results was what was wanted. He suggested an executive committee of business men to aid the secretary as the latter was a busy man. The press he stated was a great asset for a town and when it exerted its influence it could help a lot. He recited a poem written years ago by John G. Saxe, entitled, "Then and Now," which lambasted Omaha on the early days fiercely and the reading of which occasioned much merriment. Mr. Guild stated the first asset of a town was to know it and then talk it. He spoke of the recent visit of the Japanese Commissioners and said the two greatest things Omaha showed them was the McKeen Motor Works and W. J. Bryan. There were many other excellent ideas in Mr. Guild's speech which space forbids using. He closed with an eloquent appreciation of former Plattsmouth men who went to Omaha and made good, including Capt. H. E. Palmer and son, George, D. H. Wheeler and son, Dan and winding up with Henry R. Gering whom he denominated "the liveliest proposition in Omaha in a long time." He closed by reading an editorial from an Omaha paper on the "Spirit Which Wins." Mr. Guild's address was greeted throughout with much applause, and was a most wholesome address.

Toastmaster Gamble then read a telegram from G. W. Holdrege expressing his regrets at being called to Denver and being unable to attend, after which he introduced Father M. S. Shine who delivered a very brief but most forcible and eloquent impromptu address. Father Shine said he now knew what sky pilot meant as he was "up in the air." Father Shine complimented the ladies on the supper and the way it was served. He described the feast as one of reason and a flow of soul. Speaking of the address which had gone before Father Shine said if they had been followed the metropolis of Nebraska would be here instead of Omaha. He spoke of the bright, intelligent and energetic crowd present. He told several stories illustrative of the points he sought to make and closed amid great applause.

C. M. Parker, of the Burlington shops, was called for by Toastmaster Gamble and he briefly expressed his belief that the shopmen endorsed the work of the club. Toastmaster Gamble then made a witty and humorous address explaining that things were happening hereafter which he introduced Mayor Sattler, who stated the gathering was to celebrate the coming of a new industry to town and he hoped there would be one every month. Mayor Sattler thanked the club for its achievements and the citizens for the financial aid rendered and closed with an admonishment to quit knocking and get together.

This closed a grand and harmonious gathering, a harbinger of a much bigger and better Plattsmouth. In conclusion it can be said the management of the affair deserve the greatest congratulations.

In connection with the ladies looking after the details of the dinner special mention should be made of Mrs. Dr. W. B. Elster, who had general supervision of the serving, and Mrs. J. W. Gamble, who lent her services in any direction required.

Enjoy Candy Making.

The ladies employed at the court house and vicinity were entertained in a very pleasant manner Saturday evening by Miss Jessie Robertson.

The early part of the evening was spent in preparing hickory nuts for divinity candy and eating popcorn and apples and of course, not a word was uttered. Taffy pulling was then engaged in after which the various kinds of candy was disposed of by the ladies.

The ladies present to enjoy this delightful occasion were Misses Barbara and Mia Gering, Alma Larson, Bernice Newell, Lillian Murphy, Teresa Horrigan, of Lexington, Neb.; Anna Hassler, Teressa Hempel, Gertrude Beeson, Blanche and Marie Robertson.

PRESIDENT OF THE OMAHA AD. CLUB

Henry R. Gering, Former Mayor of this City, Has that Honor

Omaha has what is called an "Ad. Club," which is composed of the principal business men. Last Friday evening at a meeting of the members of the organization, a reception was tendered the commercial travelers of Nebraska, and in speaking of the same, the Bee of Saturday morning says:

"The Ad club of Omaha was the host last evening for the commercial travelers of Nebraska at the Commercial club room, where good talks and good things to eat and drink were provided. Henry Gering, former mayor of Plattsmouth and now a resident of Omaha, presided at the first part of the session, which was a feast of reason.

"Mr. Gering welcomed the visiting commercial travelers, who numbered about 240, and told them that Omaha was growing, that big houses were being built and that the people of Omaha wanted them all to be boosters for Omaha. The nature of the Nebraska Travelers' association was explained by some of the members of the order, who said that it had a special field of its own, which was not touched by other societies of traveling men. C. S. Writmore of Holdrege urged all the traveling men to join."

Will Stay in Idaho.

The Murphy Lumber company of Murphy, Idaho, formerly owned by High B. Latham, has been sold to a company composed of Charles C. Childs, a well known resident, H. R. Netzel, Charles Guthman, J. L. Goehry, and R. E. Netzel. The consideration is given as between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Mr. Latham is going to Silverton, Oregon, to look after lumber interests in association with his partner, R. A. Cowden, formerly of Caldwell. Mr. Guthman and Mr. Goehry are Nebraska business men who are investing enthusiastically in Idaho on representations made by Mr. Netzel, who with his nephew, came from Nebraska sometime ago and as a result of a hurried visit. Mr. Childs and the Netzels compose the financial end of the Murphy Land & Irrigation company, which is irrigating 15,000 acres from the waters of Sinker creek. Guthman, Mr. Goehry and R. E. Netzel will be in active charge of the lumber business. The latter was engaged in the banking business in Nebraska when he heard the call to Idaho. He sold out and in a short time had invested heavily in this state and is interesting other capital from the state that the Democratic party gets its presidential candidate from.—Idaho Statesman, (Boise, Idaho) November 25, 1909.

The above extract shows that our former townsman Charles F. Guthman has leaped to the front right on the start in his new home at Boise. H. R. Netzel, who accompanied Mr. Guthman to Idaho when he made his trip several days since, returned this morning with the above good tidings. He states that Mr. Guthman takes the active charge of the business management of the company and will be the ruling head thereof. He says that Mr. Guthman is already an enthusiast over Idaho and that he is certain he will remain there permanently. The best wishes of the many friends follow Mr. Guthman in his new home and their only desire is that he attain the greatest success. Mr. Netzel brought with him a splendid specimen of Idaho pears for the delectation of the skeptical.

THE M. E. SMITH FACTORY OPENED THIS MORNING FOR BUSINESS

Everything in Readiness for Turning Out Shirts and Overalls in Profusion at New Factory.

True to promise the factory of the M. E. Smith company opened this morning and work has actually commenced in turning out shirts and overalls of Plattsmouth make. As is always the case in new institutions where it is necessary to instruct the operatives in the work, considerable time must elapse before they become proficient. Added to this the new factory is laboring under the difficulty of not being quite in shape yet for occupancy as one of the motors has not yet been connected up and power furnished.

Under even such conditions the upper floor presented a scene of activity this morning when the Journal man invaded the premises to see how things were moving. Only one of the long tables were in operation owing to the difficulty over the motor spoken of above. This table had some twenty-five young women engaged in taking the first steps in proficiency in sewing and they were under the immediate supervision of an expert instructress from the main plant of the company at Omaha. The tables were very busy, however, and the machines were moving smoothly with ample power to keep the machines in constant operation. Each operator sets in front of the machine and feeds the cloth beneath the needle, the waste and scraps being thrown into a wooden box which sets beside each place. Everything is operated by electricity and there is an electric light in front of each set for use on dark days. Altogether the arrangements seem perfect.

When the shirts and overalls are finished they are taken down a chute into the lower room where they will be boxed and later placed in cases in the shipping room for shipment. The entire arrangements fit perfectly into each other and the

institution promises to be a great success as soon as it has had time to settle down. In addition to the boxing and packing on the lower floor, the pressing of the work will be done. Space today forbids an extended account of the new factory but as soon as it is in smooth running condition, the Journal will furnish the public with all details. The work today is under the direction of Mrs. Tillie Wohlford, who will be forelady of the establishment. She is assisted in the instruction of the beginners by Miss Mary O'Donnell, instructress, and Miss Kate Shanahan, forelady of the main plant of the company. All the ladies come from the company's plant at Omaha. Mrs. Wohlford stated that she has had ample help offered this morning but owing to the fact that the motor had not been connected for the second table and the lower floor was also without power, she was compelled to send a number of the applicants home. Mrs. Wohlford is quite confident that she will find plenty of operatives as soon as the work has become straightened out and is running order and believes there is a bright future ahead for the Plattsmouth plant.

Secretary Wescott this afternoon received word from J. M. Guild, secretary of the Omaha Commercial club that he would be on hand tonight to address the diners at the commercial club feast. He states that he will speak on any subject desired and there is no gain saying he can do so. He is a finished talker with a world of experience in the matters upon which Plattsmouth is most vitally interested in just now and it will pay every citizen to turn out and listen to him. Mr. Guild was obtained just in the niche of time and a more fortunate selection could not have been made.

ANOTHER LADY PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Herman Streitweiser Died Sunday Morning, Nov. 28.

Died—Streitweiser. Mrs. Victoria H. at her home south of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on Sunday, November 28, 1909, at 9 o'clock a. m. of gall stones. Aged 56 years, 8 months and 14 days. Funeral Tuesday afternoon, November 30, 1909, from the home. Interment at Oak Hill cemetery.

After a very short illness, yesterday morning Victoria Haberman Streitweiser, the beloved wife of Herman Streitweiser, passed to her final reward yesterday morning. The news of the death of this very estimable lady came as a great shock to her many friends and acquaintances in this city and the surrounding country. Having lived in this vicinity for some twenty-four years she made a very wide circle of acquaintances and friends who unite in extending their sympathy to the bereaved husband and the sorrowing children. To them the deep loss of a loving and kind wife and mother comes as a terrible affliction which to the many friends the blow is equally severe in the loss of one who was to them a most kind and sympathetic companion.

There is a life's romance in the life of this faithful helpmeet of Herman Streitweiser. Born in Tennesse, Germany, on March 14, 1853, Victoria Haberman was a schoolmate with the man whom she married in February 7, 1875. Together she and Herman Streitweiser attended school and spent their early days, and on the last mentioned date, they entered into the holy bonds of matrimony. After the marriage the husband came to America and in 1880 the faithful and loving wife followed him and joined him at Springfield, Ill., where they lived until 1885, when they came to this city and here ever since they have lived, surrounded by loving friends. To the union of these two play-

mates in childhood was born three children, a son Alfred, and two daughters, Mrs. Hattie Close and Mrs. Elsa Wood, both of whom reside at Centerville, Ia. The two latter were notified of the sudden and unexpected demise of their mother and are expected to arrive in the city this afternoon.

The funeral will take place tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon from the home southeast of the city. Interment will be made in Oak Hill cemetery where Mr. Streitweiser's father sleeps.

Sale of Red Polled Cattle.

W. H. Heil, the proprietor of the Pleasant View stock farm, was in the city last Saturday making arrangements for his big sale of the cattle which takes place at the South Omaha Stock Yards on December 15th. Mr. Heil is one of the leading breeders of the state and, in fact, of the country, and he has stock which can be safely compared with any to be had in the market. The sale is attracting much attention from stockmen the country over and there promises to be a large crowd present and some lively bidding. It is a great thing for Cass county to have men like Henry Heil and his brother, Wendell in its borders, as they demonstrate what can be done here in the stock raising line. The sale gives promise of advertising this section in as good a way as it could be advertised.

Laid Him Away to Cool Off.

Chief Amick this afternoon gathered in a disciple of Bacchus, who had looked upon the red eye when it was red and whose tongue was as badly tangled as his feet, which was some tagle. The party was of the genus hobo and blew into the city this morning, proceeding to accumulate a jag of picturesque variety. He looked not unlike a bark in a hurricane as he rolled and pitched down the street and the chief thought it best to lay him away into cold storage until his fevered brow had some cooled off. He will face his honor, Judge Archer tomorrow morning and get his.

Pattons paint at Gering's.