

## KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF SECURITY OBSERVE FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

Plattsmouth Council Enjoy a Most Delightful Evening Listening to an Excellent Program and an Address by Col. Dempster.

The observance of the fourteenth anniversary of the foundation of the local council of the Knights and Ladies of Security, took place last evening at Coates' hall, the occasion being made a memorable one by the council. The program which had been prepared for the occasion was one of the best ever presented in the city and all attending were highly gratified at it. There were many present as invited guests who were not members of the order and each of them came away with a feeling that it was an excellent institution to hold membership in and doubtless most of them will find it convenient to add their names thereto.

The attendance was very flattering, especially of lodge members, all of whom took great interest in the proper observance of the anniversary of the council.

The program was given immediately after the assembling of the lodge at 8 o'clock. Hon. J. E. Douglass, president of the local council, presided and made an excellent and efficient presiding officer. The opening number upon a program of rare excellence was a piano solo by Mr. Francis Whelan, one of the fine pianists of the city. Mr. Whelan is a fine musician and his good work was well received by the audience.

The Swedish Trio gave a number of instrumental selections which more than pleased the large audience. The trio is composed of Messrs. K. W. Savogren, C. T. Kron and Gus Erickson who play the harp, violin and triangle, making some music which is most excellent and of high quality. Their several selections last evening were received with hearty applause by the audience and merited the popularity which they enjoyed. These three gentlemen received their musical training in Sweden and have been thorough and of high grade. They were a distinct surprise to the larger part of those attending last night and a most pleasant one.

Miss Lorraine Emery of Lincoln, Neb., was down on the program for a piano solo and proved one of the star numbers of the evening. Miss Emery is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Emery, well known in this city and a niece of Mrs. C. M. Parker of this city. She is a most charming and accomplished young lady and a pianist of much more than ordinary ability and her number last evening was highly appreciated.

Miss Marie Douglass who is a popular favorite of this city where her elocutionary talents are so well known, was on the program for one of her choice readings and she well earned the generous applause which greeted her. Miss Douglass is developing her powers of elocution and every day adds to the high reputation which she already has as a reader. Her number last evening was among the hits of the evening.

Mrs. J. W. Gamble who is so well known as a singer in the city, added new laurels to her renown by a beautiful solo last evening which the audience greatly appreciated.

Ben Windham whose fund of natural humor has made him a constant source of delight to those attending these local gatherings, was on the program and repeated the many triumphs which he has scored in this city in times past. Mr. Windham is an humorist of peculiar and pleasing type and last evening the audience certainly appreciated his number to the utmost.

Mr. E. H. Wescott favored the audience with a piano solo of more than ordinary beauty and scored a distinct hit. Mr. Wescott is one of the most popular musicians of the city and his work last evening was of the same high order which has always char-

acterized it.

Mrs. William Baird who has leaped into popularity as a reader during the comparatively short time she has lived in the city, gave one of her delightfully entertaining readings and as it is always the case, she was received with unbounded admiration. Mrs. Baird is a reader whose ability fits her to appear before any audience and this fact certainly seemed to be appreciated last evening judging by the reception accorded her number.

A bass solo by B. A. McElwain, one of the city's most superb singers, was another pleasing feature of the evening and it served as a splendid close to an evening which had been a veritable feast of excellent numbers. Mr. McElwain was in good voice and his number served to win wide applause.

Among those from abroad who were pressed into service to aid in entertaining the council and its guests was Miss Mattie Tiller of Hamburg, Ia., who is in the city making a visit with her classmate, Miss Ellen Windham. Miss Tiller is a reader of rare ability and great power and last evening she scored a magnificent hit with the people of Plattsmouth who were fortunate enough to hear her. Her number was remarked by nearly everyone present to be fully as fine as any heard now or henceforward. Miss Tiller has a personality which charmed the audience and has a stage presence which renders her reading a constant delight.

The speaking of the evening included an address upon the order by Mrs. Gertrude Clark, national conductor. Mrs. Clark is a finished speaker and has the facts of the Knights and Ladies at her tongue's end. She spoke at length last evening upon the progress of the order and the brilliant future which it has before it. Her recommendations for steps which will further advance the good of the order roused the enthusiasm of the members and she won a spirited round of applause by her urging onward and upward of the council members.

The evening was closed by an address by Hon. John A. Dempster of Omaha. Col. Dempster is an insurance man of much experience and of great ability. He is considered one of the best versed men in this particular line of business. His address last evening contained much of a congratulatory nature to the local council and he and his charming wife instituted this council some fourteen years ago. In addition to his congratulations Col. Dempster pointed out other means by which the membership might be boosted and also gave those in attendance many valuable pointers which could be used to advantage in promoting the advance of insurance. Col. Dempster is a natural born orator and his address last night in addition to being filled with facts, was along the lines of oratory and won widespread and highly favorable comment.

Immediately following Col. Dempster's address, refreshments were served and a general good time had. The refreshments were dainty and delightful and the promise which the members of the council had held out to their invited guests that they would have a mighty good time and not allowed to depart hungry, was carried out to the letter.

Taken altogether the evening was one which well fitted the fourteenth anniversary of the founding of the lodge and it was such as showed the council to be a virile and live one and one which will speedily become one of the largest in Nebraska. The council is part of an order which has advanced into popularity as the exponent of safe and sound fraternal insurance, and this alone serves to make it an order standing high on fraternal records.

### Mr. Hopping.

A fragrant cup of coffee was enjoyed, while the eagle flapped his wings and tiny flags were distributed, other national emblems being in evidence. After a social discussion of business, the society adjourned.

### Washington's Birthday.

Business to a great extent has been suspended today, being the anniversary of the father of our country. The shops were shut down for the day, while the business houses generally closed at the noon hour. District court adjourned after the verdict in the Blush case had been read. Many citizens went to Omaha on the early morning train and a goodly number followed this afternoon. Everybody seems to take a day off as a tribute to the memory of George Washington, but the newspaper employees,

## JURY GIVES EARL BLUSH \$10,000

Railroad Company Will Profoundly Carry Case Up.

The jury which has been taking up four days in trying the case of Blush vs. the C. B. & Q. Ry. company last night arrived at a sealed verdict which was opened in district court this morning. The verdict gave the plaintiff damages in the sum of \$10,000 just about what those who had heard the testimony expected.

The taking of testimony concluded about 3:30 yesterday afternoon, the plaintiff taking the stand after the noon recess and completing his story of the happenings the night he was injured. The story did not differ in detail from what had been testified to by other witnesses and related merely to the details of the accident. In addition to his testimony there was the testimony of Dr. J. S. Livingston who performed the operation by which the foot of the plaintiff was removed. Dr. Livingston testified to the circumstances surrounding the amputation, the condition of the plaintiff at the time, to his having been called while the plaintiff was still pinioned between the engine and the tank and to having administered morphine to plaintiff to allay the pain while the workmen were engaged in jacking up the engine to extricate plaintiff from his position. Dr. Livingston made the principal medical witness for the plaintiff as he was the surgeon who had charge of the case.

Dr. E. W. Cook also testified to the effects of such an injury as plaintiff had suffered and to the extent to which it incapacitated him. Dr. Cook also was a leading medical witness for the plaintiff and his testimony materially aided in establishing the effects of such an injury on the earning power of the plaintiff.

Dr. Hall's testimony was very largely along the lines of the testimony of Dr. Cook and was corroborative of it. His testimony closed the medical testimony of the plaintiff. Superintendent of Shops William Baird was called and testified as to the effect of such an injury on a man's earning capacity, holding that it decreased his earning powers about twenty-five percent.

This closed the testimony for the plaintiff and at the conclusion of taking it the plaintiff rested while the railroad company surprised court and spectators alike by announcing that it would also rest and that it would submit no testimony.

Arguments of counsel followed. Matthew Gering, counsel for plaintiff immediately taking the floor and making a preliminary argument for the plaintiff contending that the plaintiff had established a clear case of negligence on the part of the company and that he was entitled to all he asked in the petition.

Byron Clark argued for the railroad company and sought to show that the amount asked was excessive and that if the plaintiff did not exercise the proper amount of care while in his position as fireman, he should not recover. He also argued at length that if the jury believed the plaintiff did exercise the proper amount of care in his duties then the jury should not be swayed by sympathy but should render a verdict for what the evidence showed to be the probable reasonable amount of damages.

Mr. Gering closed for the plaintiff and made a powerful argument in his behalf citing his age, his condition as the result of the accident and urging that he be given recompense commensurate with the loss of a foot. His argument was pointed toward working upon the natural feeling of the jury and was quite effective as the verdict showed.

The instructions of Judge Travis were read to the jury and were a fair exposition of the law of the case, touching the several legal points raised by counsel for the plaintiff and the defendant railroad company.

The jury commenced its deliberations after having supper and was in consultation for several hours before determining the amount of the verdict, the members being unanimous upon the point of damages for the plaintiff, but decidedly at variance as to the amount, it being understood that several favored a sum much in excess of the amount finally determined upon. As Judge Travis waited until such a time as he deemed reasonable for the arrival of the verdict, he instructed that whatever verdict was finally determined upon should be sealed up and returned into court this morning which was done, the verdict being read at 9 o'clock.

General opinion among the public is that the verdict was probably what might be looked for. The general run of estimates before the determination of the case and after the jury was out was for a sum of about \$8,000 to \$10,000. It is understood

that the usual motion for a new trial will be had and the case appealed to the supreme court, pending the settlement of the legal question involved in the case. It is not probable any determination of the case will be had inside of several years, unless a settlement between the parties is arrived at outside of court.

## PHYSICAL CULTURE CONVERTS

That Seems to be the Experiences of Two Young Men of This City.

A certain young man who, for the purpose of this article must be nameless, last Saturday thought he would go out to a certain farm in the country and pay a handsome young woman a visit. He paid the visit all right and the next day his brother and sister drove out in a buggy, the sister being the school teacher in that district and remaining, while the young man was to come back to the city with his brother. They started home as the shades of Sunday night were closing down and when several miles from nowhere, they ran into a snow drift and were stalled. The brother who is a large, stout young man, with a fondness for work, got out and waded through the drifts to a neighboring house where he borrowed several shovels and then returned. He suggested to the first aforesaid mentioned young man, that he get out of the buggy and help shovel away the snow and ice, at which the latter demurred, claiming he was too strong for such light work. The two brothers argued the matter pro and con, and the larger of the two announced that he would not work unless the other did, which ultimately brought the young man out of the buggy and soon they got a path cleared out. Sunday the young man was some sore and yesterday one of the handsomest Democratic deputies in one of the county offices was hardly able to attend to his duties, owing to certain muscles being very sore and irritated. However, he says that physical culture is a great thing and that he hopes to keep up the good work now that he has gotten a fair start.

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Andy Thompson, Applicant.

### ROAD NOTICE.

To, J. W. Thomas, occupier, J. P. Falter, Julia E. Thomas, M. Pfingsthaup, and to whom else it may concern: The commissioner appointed to locate a road commencing at a point on the west line of lot number twenty-six (26), in section number twenty (20), township number twelve (12), range number fourteen (14), east of the sixth principal meridian, in the County of Cass, State of Nebraska, one hundred five (105) feet north of the southwest (S. W.) corner of said described lot and running thence in a westerly direction up a ravine to intersect with county road number 214, on the west line of lot number one hundred twenty (120), in section number nineteen (19), township number twelve (12), range fourteen (14), east of the sixth principal meridian, in the County of Cass, State of Nebraska, has reported in favor of the establishment thereof, and all objections thereto, or claims for damages must be filed in the county clerk's office on or before noon of the 12th day of April, A. D. 1910, or such road will be established without reference thereto.

Witness my hand and official seal this 14th day of February, A. D. 1910.

D. C. Morgan, County Clerk.

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## STOLEN TEAM IN LINCOLN

But Owner Has a Time in Securing Them After the Apprehension.

After locating the team that he had lost at Elmwood Fred Creamer yesterday evening lost track of them again, even after he had his eyes on them and had identified them. This time it was Deputy Sheriff Jas. Dawson that took the horses out of his sight. The sheriff's office was closed and Creamer did not succeed in locating them. While he was at the police station getting an officer to go with him to the Capital City barn Deputy Sheriff Dawson heard that the horses were at that barn and hurrying to the barn took the team into his care as an officer of the law. When Officer Barrett and the Creamer brothers went to the barn a few minutes later intending to identify the team and ask the proprietor of the barn if he would give them up without a writ of replevin, they found the team gone. Inquiry revealed the fact that the deputy sheriff had been at the barn and had taken the horses. Mr. Creamer had come in in the morning and having found his horses at the barn went to the police station to report what he had found. But in the meantime the deputy sheriff got word of the affair and got ahead of the police in getting the team. Chief Malone happened to be riding on a street car when he saw Deputy Sheriff Dawson driving the team rapidly down K street. He called the police captain and playfully told him that the finding of the team by the police had come to naught as the horses were again at large. The foreman of the stables said that the team had been purchased from a man in Lincoln, but he would not disclose the name. Sheriff Hoagland said late last night that Dawson had located the team through an advertisement and that the horses would be restored to the owner.—State Journal.

## RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS WANTED

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### In District Court.

In district court today Judge Travis and a jury composed of Messrs. Albert Despain, Creed Harris, Wm. Weber, Geo. Vogel, Wm. Cross, M. N. Drake, John Frolich, John Bogard, L. B. Egenuberger, J. C. Lemon, H. F. Kropp, John Schoerman are hearing the case of the State vs. Charles H. Neligh charged with wife desertion under the statute. The morning was taken up in the impanelling of the jury and the opening statements of counsel for the state and the defendant.

County Attorney Ramsey represented the state and Matthew Gering is defending the accused. The case is one wherein Neligh who married Miss Ethel Grace York of this city, is accused of deserting her after a brief married life. The defense is that the complaining witness, Mrs. Neligh left the defendant of her own accord and separated herself from him. Mrs. Neligh was on the stand during the morning session and did not finish her testimony being still on the stand after the noon recess was finished and being subjected to a severe cross examination at the hands of Mr. Gering. There are a large number of witnesses on both sides summoned, the immediate relatives of the parties being among them and the case will take some little time to try.

Judge Travis this morning granted a decree in the case of Lena Grauf vs. unknown heirs of David Hart et al., quieting the title in the plaintiff to some land.

### Returns Home.

Councilman J. W. Bookmeyer who has been taking a sojourn of several weeks in Denver and its vicinity for the benefit of his health, returned to his home in this city last evening. He is much improved in both his appearance and feeling and is greatly delighted with the mountain country. He feels now that he can take up his work in the shops and carry it through to a finish. He brought back a large number of souvenirs for the benefit of his friends and has a good many good stories to tell of the Colorado metropolis and the fine time they show visitors.



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### LOUISVILLE.

(Courier.)

Local physicians report an unusual amount of sickness, due perhaps to the sudden change in the weather. A son-in-law of Judge Brobst moved here from St. Louis this week and we understand will open a carpenter shop.

Isaac Tennant and George McDonald left with their families Wednesday for their new homes in Montana.

W. A. Wood returned the latter part of last week from Fruta, Colorado, where he has been for the past two months looking after his property interests.

Roy Clifford left Tuesday evening for Idaho Falls, Idaho, where he has secured a position in a general merchandise store. He makes the change on account of his health.

E. A. Pankonin was taken to a hospital at Omaha last Saturday, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis Monday morning. His was a severe case and his recovery will naturally be slow.

Fred Ossenkop, after service as a mail clerk out of Omaha for a few months, has been promoted to the position of register transfer clerk at the union station, Omaha. The Courier is pleased to learn of his rapid advancement. He took charge of his new position Wednesday morning.

Vanocoy Brothers have purchased a Peerless cement brick machine and will open a factory in Louisville for the manufacture of cement brick. With this machine, which is the latest and best machine out, they will be able to turn out face brick in any color desired for building fronts at a less cost than the ordinary face brick now on the market.

### President Helps Orphans.

Hundreds of orphans have been helped by the President of the Industrial and Orphan's Home at Macon, Ga., who writes: "We have used Electric Bitters in this institution for nine years. It has proved a most excellent medicine for Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles. We regard it as one of the best family medicines on earth." It invigorates all vital organs, purifies the blood, aids digestion, creates appetite. To strengthen and build up pale, thin, weak children or rundown people it has no equal. Best for female complaints. Only 50c. at F. G. Fricke & Co.

The Journal received a note today stating that Mrs. Charles Truman who has been so ill at the home of Herman Fields, was no better than for some time past and is in bad condition. Her many friends will be sorry to learn of this and trust that a change for the better may soon take place in her condition.

### W. C. T. U. Entertained.

On Monday afternoon the W. C. T. U. was entertained at the home of Mrs. L. A. Moore. It being the eve of Feb. 22, the guests were received by "Lady Washington" with the characteristic hospitality of the olden time and a fine portrait of Washington lent a patriotic air to the rooms.

It was a meeting of the "Department of Mercy and Help," led by Mrs. Knee and Miss Arnold. The subject of vivisection was considered at length. The present crusade against the barbarous tortures of animals in the laboratory has shown that while this generation is more refined than any of the past, we are no better at heart than our savage ancestors.

A vocal solo by Mrs. Moore sung with much expression and a sweet piano solo by Miss Helen Gass, finished the program. The ladies also much enjoyed the instrumental music of