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## "CUPID AT VASSAR" GREETED BY PACKED HOUSE AT THE PARMELE

Production Reflects Great Credit Upon the Young People Who Took Part in the Play.

From Friday's Daily.

The class play "Cupid at Vassar" last evening at the Parmele theater by members of the senior class was greeted by a packed house, there not being a vacant seat in the building and many were standing. And all who attended were more than satisfied with the presentation of the New England comedy drama. It was in excellent hands throughout and, in addition, the arrangements for the staging of the piece were most admirable. Too much credit cannot be given those who took an active part in the management of the play nor in those who so carefully drilled and instructed the several characters in their parts.

From the time the curtain rose until it descended upon the happy final, none left their seats—a striking testimonial to the worth and ability of those engaged in presenting the play. At the close of the entertainment the universal expression heard was that it was far and away the best of its kind ever put on here.

Of the play itself, it partook somewhat of "The College Widow" with the flavor of "Way Down East" or "Shore Acres," the strong New England flavor of the play reminding one forcibly of both the latter. In some manner the mind when dealing with home scenes seems to regard that section of the country as the one from which the American home life plays come and this is in spots a characteristic of "Cupid at Vassar."

There was the usual handsome young hero who loved the heroine; the rich and unscrupulous banker who also loved the heroine and was determined to have her by fair means or foul; the mercenary mother who saw the hero through blue glasses and the villainous banker through gold-rimmed glasses; a jealous half-sister of the heroine who also loved the hero, together with the New England hired man with his clumsiness and awkward ways always bringing laughter with his odd manners, the typical lazy negro servant who shone well at the finish, and then the girls—and they were some girls, also. They presented an excellent and very handsome addition to the main characters and their parts were taken most admirably. All told the play formed a charming vehicle for displaying the manifold talents of the class.

In brief the story runs that John Willett (George Dovey), the hero is in love with Kate Newton (Lucille Gass), the heroine while Amos North (Frances D. Whelan), the banker and the villain, also desired to marry Kate. The suit of Amos is looked upon favorably by Mrs. Carroll (Bess Edwards), the mother of Kate who favors him because of his financial strength. The half sister of Kate, Wanda Carroll (Helen Clark) is jealous of her and is in love with John Willett. This setting forms the groundwork for the play. In the first act Kate is preparing to leave the Vermont home for Vassar and is visited by Willett to whom she gave a half promise of marriage, much to the disgust of her mother. North makes his appearance but does not succeed in getting a promise of the girl's hand. Herein enter various conspiracies on the part of Wanda, the jealous half-sister who seeks to break up the match. Complications arise, the letters from Willett to Kate being held up by Wanda and Willett misled into believing that Kate had changed her mind. Later comes the determination by Kate to marry North, the banker.

After her change to Vassar, Kate is visited by North who renews his proposals and although he has a great deal of trouble from the constant interruptions of the Vassar girls, he finally succeeds in getting Kate to consent to an engagement. John enters at the physiological moment and finds this out. In the next act Kate is home in the Green Mountains for Christmas and a typical New England Christmas scene is depicted. The usual Christmas merriment is evident and the shadow comes when Mrs. Carroll tells Kate that she must abandon her course at Vassar owing to losses which she has suffered in a financial way and to the fact that she

had borrowed money of Amos North who held this as a club over her. She believes that all the money she has in the world is her little home. At the distressful time again enters John Willett with the papers to prove that Amos North is a villain and a rascal and later North tries to steal the papers from a hiding place after making Wanda enter into an agreement to reveal the hiding place to him, by threatening to expose her for withholding Willett's letters. As North attempts this he is confronted by Hank Gubbin (Otto E. Lutz), the hired man, and Shiny (Leland Briggs), the negro servant, both of whom have shotguns and who capture the villain with the papers in his hand. Kate dashes in at this juncture and seizes the papers and the old home is saved. The last act is the college campus at Vassar and the clearing of the complications. John Willett marries Kate Newton, Amos North avoids the penitentiary and marries Wanda Carroll who has \$50,000 in her own right and the Vassar girls are happy and everybody is happy and the goose hangs high and the curtain goes down amid a roar of applause.

As John Willett, the hero George Dovey did excellently. He has much talent and handled his part and the lines in a great manner. Francis Wheland, as Amos North, the banker, surprised and delighted his many friends and thoroughly earned the right to be considered a young man of much historic talent. Shiny, the lazy darkey, as depicted by Leland Briggs could hardly have been improved upon. The young man had evidently made a careful study of his part and won much merited applause by his natural acting. The same was true to a great degree of Otto E. Lutz who took the part of Hank Gubbin, the hired man. With true New England awkwardness and with the idioms of the land sounding natural in his mouth, he scored a distinct hit.

Miss Bess Edwards in the haracter of Mrs. Carroll, the mother, was very clever and fulfilled to the highest degree the expectations of her friends. She is a young lady of much talent and was never shown better than last night.

The bright particular star of last evening's play was Miss Lucille Gass to whom everyone conceded the highest honors. Miss Gass has great dramatic ability and last evening demonstrated that she was thoroughly at home on the stage, being at all times excellent and winning great applause from the audience. Miss Gass deserves especial mention, although much of her good work was owing to the very excellent support which she received.

Miss Helen Clark as Wanda Carroll, the half-sister, was also a specially worthy member of the cast and in her difficult role did most excellently. She was at all times at her best and went through the many strong scenes with which her part is woven with the most finished acting. She, too, deserves to be much commended for ability.

Misses Villa Gapen, Hallie Parmele and Rachael Livingston had parts in which their many superb qualities could not be seen to the best advantage but they made the most of the opportunities afforded them and were among the most popular of the entire cast.

The Vassar girls spoken of above formed an attractive and handsome feature of the entertainment. These young ladies who were Misses Ina Hatt, Jennie Batten, Anna Snyder, Virginia McDaniel, Hazel Tucey, Ethel Snyder, Hattie Hoffman, Harriett Adams, Mattie Larson and Elizabeth Kerr were typical college girls and their several demonstrations were received by the audience as the real article from the college. They deserve the congratulations of all for their fine work.

In fact, comparison in this case would be indeed invidious. No one neglected his or her part and all developed the part to its utmost capacity and earned all the warm words which have been said for them. The staging of the play and its direction was in the hands of Mrs.

George E. Dovey and Prof. Harry S. Austin who did very fine work in this respect. Much of the success of the play was due to the careful training which these two talented people gave the class and the honors for the success production would not be fairly divided unless they received their due share. Both are experienced in this line of work and this experience came in handy last night.

The faculty of the school also deserve great credit for the part they took in making the class play the brilliant success it was. Profs. Gamble and Harrison both aided in every manner the production of the play and their advice on many important details was of the greatest benefit to all. The business management of the affair was largely in the hands of George Dovey and he acquitted himself with the greatest success. The theater was packed to the doors and the receipts were considerably in excess of \$200, it is said.

The music for the entertainment was furnished by the M. W. A. orchestra of this city, the members of which kindly donated their services for the evening. Between acts they played a number of excellent selections and greatly pleased the audience most of whom, however, were familiar with the fine work of the organization in the past. The M. W. A. band played several pieces in the street before the theater during the evening. The management of the entertainment desire to publicly extend their thanks to the band and the orchestra for their services and state that it contributed in no small degree to the fine evening which was had.

## THE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Preparations are Being Made to Observe the Day.

Preparations for Memorial Day are being put forward by the several committees of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C., which were named for that purpose. The program has been mapped out to some extent and the probabilities are that it will be a better one than ever given before in this city. The musical part of the program is expected to be particularly good and the committee is busily preparing for making this part of the program especially interesting. A number of patriotic selections will be rendered incident to the observation of the day and no pains will be spared in this respect.

No speaker has yet been definitely selected for the occasion and a number of names have been canvassed in this regard with the intention of securing the very best talent to be obtained. In the event an orator of sufficient prominence cannot be secured from abroad or locally, it is the intention to have a number of short talks given by various local speakers, the talks being limited in point of time to a few minutes; probably ten. This feature of past observations has been found to work well and has resulted in a great deal of interest being taken in the talks, hence it may be fixed upon as the proper manner for observing this occasion.

A cordial invitation is extended to all other organizations in the city to participate in the services incident to the day and it is the sincere hope of the members of the two posts that the various bodies will turn out in force and help swell the procession to Oak Hill in the morning when the pretty service of strewing the graves with flowers will be carried out. There are a large number of organizations in the city which should turn out quite a crowd for the procession and if they turn out nearly as largely as usual on such occasions the procession will be one of the best in the city.

Delightfully Entertained.

The Ladies Auxillary of the Presbyterian church were entertained at the cozy home of Mrs. Wm. McCauley yesterday afternoon in a most delightful manner. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent in the usual amusement after which dainty refreshments were served. There were a large number of the ladies in attendance.

D. E. Sheesley of Alvo was in the city over night looking after business, being registered at the Perkins hotel. He returned to his home this morning.

## WOODMEN HAVE A ROYAL TIME

Special Train Takes Cass Camp to Omaha for the Rally

From Friday's Daily.

The big M. W. A. rally at Omaha last evening had quite a large number of members of local camp in attendance, the special train which ran from this city to that place being well filled with Woodmen anxious to see the exemplification of the new ritual. There were also a number of applicants from this city for initiation. The local camp gathered at their hall at the corner of Sixth and Main streets and marched to the Burlington station at 7 o'clock headed by the M. W. A. band where the party embarked in coaches for the city. The special train which carried them to Omaha returned shortly after midnight, the party having had a fine evening and receiving royal treatment at the hands of the Omaha camps. A large number of the boys missed the special returning and came back this morning on No. 6.

The drill team of Cass Camp attracted much attention at Omaha and added to the honors which they have won at other places by their excellent work. The Omaha Bee in its report of the gathering says:

One of the largest gatherings of members of the Modern Woodmen of America ever assembled in Omaha last night witnessed the exemplification of the new ritual in the Auditorium by a number of the crack drill teams of the Omaha district, upon a class of nearly 400 from all quarters of the district.

The Omaha district comprises five counties, Cass, Dodge, Sarpy, Douglas and Washington, with approximately 50 camps. The Cass county delegation came in a special train, with its crack drill team from Plattsmouth. Drill teams were also present from Fremont, Papillion, Blair and South Omaha and with the several Omaha teams, including the champion team of No. 120, all in uniform, the spectacle presented in the auditorium was a thrilling and beautiful one.

The exemplification of the work was given in the presence of Supreme National Lecturer J. O. Davis of California, and Head Counsel A. B. Talbot of Lincoln. Both of these distinguished Woodmen delivered addresses appropriate to the occasion and upon the benefits of Woodcraft as exemplified by the Modern Woodmen of America.

The World-Herald said:

In the big initiation, general meeting and pollification of the Modern Woodmen of America held at the auditorium last night representatives from at least sixty camps were present. From all the counties in Nebraska and Iowa within a radius of fifty miles or more Woodmen thronged to the auditorium last night. The great building was packed with members of the organization.

During the evening about 400 candidates were initiated into the order. The initiation is one of the biggest ever held in the city.

After the exemplification of the new ritual the address of the evening was delivered by J. O. Davis of Colorado. An illustrated lecture was given by A. R. Talbot, head counsel, of Lincoln, Neb.

The mysteries of Woodcraft was conferred on fifty-two candidates by the following members acting as officers: F. D. Woodley of camp No. 916, Lincoln, Neb., as consul; E. E. Kester, state deputy, as past consul; Nathan Bernstein of camp No. 120, Omaha, as adviser; S. D. Woodley of camp No. 910, Lincoln, Neb., as banker; C. H. F. Reipen of camp No. 120, Omaha, clerk; W. C. James, district deputy, as escort; J. K. McCombs, of camp No. 1833, Omaha, as watchman; C. E. Reimer of head consul's office as lecturer. The Foresters of Omaha camp No. 120, and Foresters of B. and M. camp, No. 945 of Omaha assisted, as did sixty camps of Douglas, Washington, Burt, Sarpy and Cass counties of Nebraska. Pottawattamie county of Iowa was represented by its members and candidates.

A special train passed through the city this afternoon, having on board a number of Burlington officials who have been making a special inspection trip over the road. The party is said to have included General Manager Holdrege, Assistant Manager Horn and a number of other high officers.

To Deliver Address at Elmwood.

Judge H. D. Travis of this city will deliver the Memorial Day address on Monday, May 30, at Elmwood, unless some different arrangements are made in the very near future, he having accepted an invitation from the old soldiers of that place to act as orator on that sacred occasion. Judge Travis' oratorical ability is well known throughout this section and the management of the Nebraska City Mink league base ball club are among those who recognize them, having invited him to attend the opening game of the league in that city and deliver a few remarks prior to the game. In company with the mayor of that city, Judge Travis will be a conspicuous figure in the doings of the day.

## CASS COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Meeting at Weeping Water a Very Interesting Gathering

From Friday's Daily.

C. C. Westcott who was in Weeping Water in attendance upon a meeting of the executive committee of the Cass County Sunday School association of which he is one of the officers, returned home with the most flattering reports of the gathering and enthusiastic over the outlook ahead of the organization. He states the meeting carried out a great deal of business including receiving reports of the various departments all of which went to indicate the organization was in a very flourishing condition, and that it was making great progress. Among other things which the meeting decided on was to fill two existing vacancies in the committee. The place of L. A. Chapman, who has removed from the county, on the training department, was filled by the selection of Rev. L. W. Gade of this city, as chairman. Rev. Gade is the new pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city. The vacancy occasioned by the removal of Rev. Luther Moore of this city, was filled by the selection of Rev. J. H. Andrus of Weeping Water, who assumes the place on the adult department made vacant. One especially pleasing feature of the meeting was the gratification expressed at the success of the official organ of the society, the Religious Field Glass of which Rev. C. A. Burdick of Nehawka, is editor. The work of the temperance committee was commended and approved and the committee was empowered to go ahead and keep up the work as heretofore outlined. There was a large attendance and the members of the committee were much elated over the outlook and the steady advance which the various measures of the association are making.

## Married in Glenwood.

A marriage license was on Monday issued to Robert M. Stivers and Miss Nina Clark, aged 20 and 18, and both of Glenwood. As the young man was under age, it was necessary that his father John Stivers give consent to the issuance of the license. The young lady is employed at the institution. We understand they are to be married today.—Mills County Tribune.

The above notice refers to Miss Nina Clark of this city, the young lady having been employed at the Glenwood institution for some time past. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Clark of this city, and a most charming and refined young lady. Her marriage came as a complete surprise to her many friends here and was also quite a surprise to her parents who had no knowledge of it until last evening when they received word from her. It is presumed the young couple will make their home at Glenwood.

## Turns Over His Books.

William Rummell, Plattsmouth precinct assessor, came in this morning and turned in his books to County Assessor Soennehisen, having completed his work for this year. Mr. Rummell has made himself a good record this year as assessor as he has in times past. He is a gentleman with an accurate knowledge of values in the precinct and with the happy faculty of being able to so fit his returns as to preclude any very extensive objection. His work this year is up to the high standard he has set in other years and suits the county assessor as well as the good people of his precinct.

## MAIN STREET TO BE WELL LIGHTED

This is a Fixed Fact, and the Arc Lights to be Placed Soon.

From Friday's Daily.

Another long step forward in the lighting of the city has been taken by the voluntary action of the merchants and live wires of the city in making a contract with the Nebraska Lighting company for the erection and operation of three lights on Main street. The three lights are to be of the same style as that which recently burned on Sixth and Main streets and they are to be placed in service just as soon as possible, the location to be determined later. One will unquestionably be placed at Main and Sixth and the other two will be distributed as nearly at equal distances apart as practicable.

The lights are of the regenerating flaming arc kind and give a strong and powerful light. They will run from dusk to eleven o'clock at night and this means that they will afford a clear, well lighted business center during the evening hours. Manager Clabaugh states that it is his intention on Saturday and pay day nights to run the lights to a later hour than on other nights owing to the fact that people are usually on the streets later on these nights than on others.

The arrangement under which the lights will be operated are that payment is made every month of a nominal sum by seventy-six business men and live wires to insure the service, the light company figuring down the cost of installation and operation to the very lowest limit. This system is to continue for a year at least and until such time as the parties thereto become dissatisfied and want it discontinued.

The installation of additional, service Plattsmouth will be in good shape in its business center. It will have Main street lighted from dusk to eleven o'clock with the flaming arc and after that with boulevard gas lamps. The sidestreets and the residence district is lighted until midnight with incandescent lamps and this affords an admirable system of lighting. Later it is hoped to extend the midnight service to an all night service. This would be something well worth taking up and carrying through. There has been no complaint registered so far on the city street lighting service so far as the electric lights are concerned and an extension to an all night service of these would be duly appreciated by the people.

It is the belief of Manager Clabaugh that he will have the new service in running order in probably two weeks as the lamps have been ordered and should be here by that time. The work of putting them in place will not take a great while and will be completed shortly after the lights are in. The matter of locating the lights is something which is puzzling the light company as there is considerable territory to cover and it is going to be hard to cover it with the few lights at the command of the company. However, an effort will be made to have the lights located where they will do the most good to the greatest number.

The action of the business men and others who have come to the front and so generously donated to help light the city cannot be to highly commended. It is this spirit which leads to the upbuilding of cities and if the spirit continues there is small reason to believe that it will be a very short time until Plattsmouth will be booming even more than ever. With good lighted streets, something which is a splendid advertisement for the city, plenty of work on every hand, more paving, macadamizing its roads and the like and more new factories in sight, Plattsmouth is making a strong effort to make the year 1910 a banner one.

## New Postoffice Building.

Just as we go to press, Postmaster Schneider informs us that he has just received word from the department at Washington, D. C., requesting him to advertise for bids for the material and building of our new post-office structure at once.

Peter Campbell, the popular and well known marshal of Kenosha, is spending today in the city looking after business and visiting with his friends. Pete reports the principal cause of his grief as marshal is looking after the mayor, Lig Brown, but he is keeping him in line all right.