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## TEACHERS LISTEN TO INSTRUCTIVE LECTURE ON "DOMESTIC SCIENCE"

Lecture by Miss Gertrude Rowan One of the Most Pleasing Features of the County Teachers' Institute.

From Friday's Daily.

The district court room was comfortably filled last evening by the county teachers and Plattsmouth folks to listen to the lecture by Miss Gertrude Rowan, of the state agricultural college at Lincoln.

Before the speaker was introduced a piano number by Miss Allison was so warmly applauded that the young lady responded to the encore with a second selection which was also well received.

Miss Foster, county superintendent, introduced Miss Rowan who discussed the importance of her line of work and left with her audience very many useful suggestions. The address was appropriate to both teachers and parents. Going back to the time when the human family ate their food raw, she traced the growth of the household economics question to the present day.

Montague, a Frenchman, was the first writer to advocate the importance of schooling the home keeper in the art of performing her part well.

In the old colonial days of this country the home was the center of almost every industry. Everything the family used was manufactured in the home in the earlier days. The housewife had the superintendence of most of the manufacturing of cloth and articles of clothing. She had no time to devote to making her home inviting, nor to construct appetizing dishes to tempt the palate. She had no time to experiment with meats and salads, hence the fare was plain with little variety of dishes.

During this period education of the mothers was at a low degree, none of the girls got above the fifth grade. The average age at which woman married was sixteen.

By degrees the manufacturing was taken from the homes and placed in the small factories which began to spring up among the colonies, and the progress continued until at the present day where none of that class of work is done in the home. The change has wrought a revolution in the homes of the country. The young ladies of the household who under the old conditions, began to plan and prepare her trunk for the day of her wedding at an early period, now engages in some occupation congenial to her taste. While the average age of the girl's marriage was sixteen under the old conditions, now the average age at which she marries is twenty-eight.

In consequence of changed conditions the girls are going into the professions, into the trades and competing with men for positions in which to earn a livelihood. The speaker then discussed the question of wages and the difference between the higher wages of the men and women in the same trades. Saying in substance that the young women do not, as a general thing, enter any profession or trade expecting to make a permanent calling as do the

men, and gave as an example an instance in a school where eleven of the teachers resigned their position to take effect at the holiday time, to enter matrimony, while eight more quit their positions without giving a reason. Other examples were given to illustrate the trend of events, making wages uncertain.

These conditions render all the more important the subject of a place where woman can naturally expect to gain permanent situations and render wages stable. The speaker referred to the fact that six years were usually spent by the young woman in preparing to teach in the schools. Four years in the high school and two in the preparatory normal. While the average number of terms taught by each was three years.

There must be something wrong with the system which requires six years of preparation for a term of service lasting over only three terms of school while the life work of the home keeper receives almost no preparation.

To correct this wrong the question of "Domestic Science" first began to receive attention in Boston, then rapidly spread until now the universities of the different states have taken the matter up and were earnestly striving to spread the good work.

The subject occupies the place of one of study and is given in connection with the course in agriculture. Though any student can take the subject. In addition to the instruction in the university, there are sent from the state schools competent instructors who give instruction at all of the teacher's institutes over the state. Also the matter is handled through the farmer's institutes held throughout the state, and where these are not held, contests are held through the public schools and the importance of the subject impressed on the minds of the people in this way.

The speaker noted the fact that the average of human life is thirty-five years, which can be increased by proper attention given to food preparation. That the thousands of people who have indigestion now and die before their time, can be reduced by a large per cent by a proper attention to domestic science.

There is no doubt but the average age of human life has been extended already by the attention given to this subject, for not so many years ago this average was fixed at thirty years.

The speaker dwelt upon the demand for instructors in this branch of knowledge, and advocated that the teachers could specialize along this line, and render themselves qualified to accept profitable positions which were waiting to be filled by those well prepared for the work. In closing Miss Rowan said that she had not delivered a lecture, but that her discourse was just simply a talk between folks.

## CLOSING DAY OF THE INSTITUTE

Teachers Pass Resolutions of Thanks to Miss Foster.

From Friday's Daily.

This was the closing day of one of the most successful institutes ever held in the county. The present session has been remarkable in point of enrollment being the best attended institute held in the county up to date which shows well for the teaching force of the country schools. The session has been remarkable in point of interest shown by the teachers in the subjects presented. The talent engaged by Miss Foster, our county superintendent, to instruct the teachers has been the best that could be procured.

Miss Foster is to be congratulated upon the success of the institute as to the management of the session rested entirely with her. Dr. A. E. Winship departed this afternoon for Omaha and from there will go to Clarinda, Ia., where he delivers a lecture tomorrow night. Superintendent Martin returns to Nebraska City while Miss Rowan will return to her home at Lincoln. Miss Edith Martin will remain in Plattsmouth a few days when she will begin institute work again in Nebraska towns. The resolutions following were adopted by a full vote of the teachers of the institute:

### Resolutions.

We, The teachers of Cass county, in institute assembled, endorse the following resolutions:

Be it resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our worthy superintendent and to our instructors for the inspiration and valuable instruction which we have received.

To Miss Forster, For her tactful arrangement which she has exercised in securing such able instructors and being to us such exceptional privileges.

To Dr. Winship, Who has given us invaluable helps along lines of higher and broader usefulness, and who has imparted to us his extensive experience in educational work.

To Superintendent Martin, Who has so carefully and skillfully instructed us in practical school work and shown by his untiring efforts that our interests are his.

To Miss Martin, Whose work with us in the primary grades cannot be too highly complimented. Her help and ideas are invaluable.

To Miss Rowan, Who comes to us enthusiastic in domestic science work which we cannot help finding appreciation in every heart.

To all others, Who have ably assisted in making this institute a success.

To the newspaper editors, Who have so kindly given us assistance through the columns of their papers.

To the citizens of Plattsmouth, Who have so kindly opened their homes to us during our stay in their city. Submitted by the undersigned committee:

Lena E. Young.  
Edith M. Johnson.  
Lella F. Queen.

## ENTERTAINED THE LITTLE ONES

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. W. H. Newell delightfully entertained a number of the little people living in the neighborhood in which she resides at a lawn party at her home. The lawn was turned over to the little people and they enjoyed considerable frolic in various games, sports and pranks which children delight in. Another pleasing feature of the afternoon entertainment was a delicious luncheon which was spread on the lawn and served in picnic style. An hour or so spent in more romps and frolic brought to a close one of the happiest afternoons they have spent together in some time. Those invited were Kenneth, Susie and Lloyd Gilbert, Fred Forbes, Blanche and Adella Sayles, Fern, Carl and Violet Grassman, Victor Wehrlein, Mabel and Janet Grassman, of Alliance; Carl Wurl, Donald Dickson, Newton Becker, Ora Majors, Marie and John Nemetz, Edith Kelly, Donald Dingle.

Mrs. H. R. Nitzel and little child, Mrs. F. R. Guthman and Miss Minnie Guthman were Omaha visitors this morning, going to that city on No. 15.

### Catches Whale.

Charles Warner and son went through Plattsmouth last evening in his auto at a two-forty gait, with two long fishing poles projecting from his car. He seemed somewhat excited and hurried right on home. He measured with his two arms the length of the fish he had landed, and from his gesture one would easily surmise that the fish was over four feet long. Mr. Warner was in too much of a hurry to stop and describe the finny monster. When he comes to town he will tell us all about it.

## BOY SAYS HE SAW METEOR

Edwin Plimpton of Glenwood Claims He Saw It While at Louisville.

Edwin, aged 10 years, son of Dr. W. M. Plimpton of Glenwood, reports seeing the meteor which startled the people of this region last Sunday afternoon. The family were visiting for the day at Louisville, Neb., 16 miles west of Plattsmouth. The lad saw a streak of light in the north-east heavens, and says it made a "sizzling" noise. He thought it was a sky-rocket. He was in the yard alone and at once went in and told the others what he had seen. They laughed at him at the time. Now, since the heavenly visitor has created so much interest, Dr. Plimpton concludes that his son really did see "something."

The people of Glenwood and many parts of Mills county were mystified by a strange noise Sunday afternoon at about a quarter past 2 o'clock. Many people thought it was thunder, but those who were out of doors at the time knew better, as there were no storm clouds in evidence.

Many thought it some big explosion at Council Bluffs or Omaha, as the noise came from the northwest. Later in the day word came from Council Bluffs that burglars had made an attempt about 1 o'clock to blow the safe in the office of the grape growers association there, and some thought this accounted for the mysterious rumble.

It is now the general belief that it was either an earthquake or the explosion of a huge meteor, more likely the latter. A farmer several miles north of Council Bluffs is reported as seeing a flash of light, followed a few moments later by this great noise.

The explosion, or whatever it may have been, was different from thunder and all ordinary noises, and it was for this reason that it was noticed by so many people. The explosion proper was followed by a long drawn out reverberation or echo that lasted several seconds. The Omaha Bee suggests that if it was a meteor it may have fallen several hundred miles to the northwest.

The incident recalls to the minds of the older citizens the explosion of a car of dynamite which took place about thirty years ago at Council Bluffs, and which was plainly heard at Glenwood.—Glenwood Tribune.

### Charges Ogle With Theft.

From Friday's Daily.

A complaint was filed by the county attorney before Judge Archer this morning charging C. W. Ogle with then and there being on the 11th day of August in Cass county, Nebraska, and then there did steal, take and carry away one suit case, the property of Ralph Sherwood, valued at \$15, and thus infringing the peace and dignity of the state of Nebraska. Ogle will be remembered as the innocent fireman who fell in the toils of the law something over a week ago by having changed his boarding place from the Perkins House to an adjoining structure. At that time he was fined \$5 and costs, and allowed to roam, promising that he could cash in on this payday. He evidently forgot his promise for it seems that he has resigned his position with the Burlington and has sought employment elsewhere. A warrant is out for his apprehension so that he may have an opportunity to prove his innocence of the last charge, that of purloining the suit case.

### Old Resident Here.

A. M. Cole of Davie, Neb., about eight miles north of Havelock, but for many years a resident of Cass county, living on the western border, arrived in the city yesterday for a few days visit at the home of Mrs. Cole's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Hiatt. Mr. Cole has many friends in Plattsmouth and is quite well known to most of the older settlers, as he has resided in the county a great many years. The Journal acknowledges a pleasant call from him this morning.

George Engelkemeter and brother John, from fourteen miles west of the city, were in town today looking after business matters and visiting their parents.

### Take Vacation.

This afternoon John Rishel, Charles Ault and Ernest Stenner departed for Denver, Cripple Creek, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and other mountain towns on No. 23, to be gone two weeks. The boys expect to enjoy the fishing for mountain trout and what other sports are offered. They have a two weeks layoff and their transportation to and from their destination, and there is not a thing to prevent them from having a great trip.

## SHOOTS MAN WHO INSULTED HER

Mrs. Bertha Mott Sends Bullet Into Head of Otis Heddy.

Frightened and insulted by his alleged offensive attentions, Mrs. Bertha Mott, residing at 821 south Nineteenth street, yesterday afternoon sent a bullet crashing into the brain of Otis Heddy, her next door neighbor and then telephoned the police of what she had done.

Heddy is at St. Joseph's hospital and will probably die. Mrs. Mott is in jail awaiting the result of Heddy's injuries.

The shooting occurred shortly after 5 o'clock. The families concerned in the affair occupy the same apartment house and their stoops join. Mrs. Mott says that she had started to get supper when Heddy came in the back door and she ordered him out of the house. He approached her, she says, and tried to throw his arms about her. Frightened by his actions, she sprang back and grabbed an old, 32-calibre revolver from a bureau drawer nearby.

Heddy, she says, then sprang out of the door, but she followed him and fired. The bullet made a glancing wound, breaking the skull at the base of the brain and lodging under the scalp. Heddy fell unconscious in front of his own door, where he lay until the arrival of Officer Jackson, Detective Sullivan and Dr. R. B. Harris. The injured man was rushed to St. Joseph's hospital, where the bullet was extracted, but no hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Heddy, who is 26 years old, is a waiter employed at Robertson's cafe. He has a wife and child, but the wife was away when the shooting occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Mott were married in Weeping Water, Neb., four months ago. Mrs. Mott has a frail, girlish figure and looks to be about 19 years old. Her husband, who came to this city in search of work, is employed on the new court house building.—World-Herald.

## CLASS ENJOYS PICNIC SUPPER

Mrs. Agnes Chapman took the members of her Sunday school class of the Presbyterian church to Ferry Glen yesterday afternoon for the purpose of enjoying an outing. The time was very pleasantly spent in various sports, games and the like and at the proper time a picnic supper was participated in and which all did ample justice to. The picnicers returned to their homes at a late hour reporting a fine time. Those who participated in this delightful occasion were Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Zuckeweller, Mrs. Thompson; Misses Ruth Johnson, Alice Root of Lincoln, Ruth Chapman; Glen Thompson, Norman Dickson, Dewey Zuckeweller, Willie Schmidtman, George Mumm, Carl Wohlfarth, Raymond Larson, Wallace Hunter, Joe and Clement Chapman, Hillard Grassman.

### Here Today.

From Friday's Daily.  
That good friend of the Journal, Frank McNurlin from near Cedar Creek was a pleasant caller at this office this morning and we enjoyed a few moment's very pleasant conversation with him. Mr. McNurlin was accompanied by his wife and daughter, Miss Dora, and Mrs. Harry Green. After transacting such business matters as their trip was made for they returned to their home this afternoon. This is Mr. McNurlin's first visit to the county seat in almost a year. Come again Frank, we are always glad to see you.

Mrs. Leonard Born, Miss Minnie Born and Mrs. Julius Neilson formed a party who spent Wednesday at Lake Manawa, Courtland Beach and a few other place of interest, reporting a delightful time.

## CLARENCE GETS A HARD FALL

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon as Clarence Mason was returning from making a delivery of ice cream at Dr. Martin's on north Sixth street, the young man took a header which resulted disastrously to his right knee, and for a couple of minutes he was too stunned to get up.

Mr. W. L. Pickett went to the young man's assistance and examined the knee cautiously and offered to send for Ed and the auto. But Clarence would not have it that way, but got on his wheel and peddled with one foot, arriving at the store shortly after, then he went to Drs. Livingstons office and had his injured knee dressed. Clarence explained the accident by saying he was coasting down the Sixth street hill and when opposite Sam Smith's barn, he released his hold on the handle bar to brush his hair out of his eyes, the wheel suddenly lurched to one side, precipitating him to the ground, striking on his right side and knee. He is able to be around today though his knee is quite stiff.

### Back From Avoca Picnic.

Postmaster Schneider, County Judge Beeson and County Attorney C. H. Taylor, and Frank Bestor, returned from the picnic at Avoca held by the I. O. O. F., in the grove at that place yesterday. There was a large turnout. Colonel Hayward delivered a talk in the afternoon, speaking on fraternalism. He had been the speaker at the Eagle Commercial picnic in the forenoon. Ball games furnished the athletic part of the sport, and there was a merry-go-round to ride on and music by the band as well as the Glee club. The young men enjoyed the outing hugely, seeing many old acquaintances.

### From Otoe County.

George Reynolds, one of the Journal's staunch friends from near Nehawka, whose farm and home is just over the line into Otoe county, was in the city this week transacting some business matters and, of course, as always, found time to call at the Journal office for a few moments chat, and to renew his subscription. We venture the assertion that Mr. Reynolds is one of the best men in Otoe county, and he is always a mighty welcome visitor at Plattsmouth.