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GERMAN-AMERICAN ALLIANCE IS STRONG AGAINST COUNTY OPTION

Meeting at Lincoln is Largely Attended by Germans From all Parts of Nebraska—Val J. Peter of Omaha, President

The Germans had complete control of Lincoln yesterday. Thousands came to the city to participate in the celebration of the anniversary of the day when Mastorius with his band of Mennonites founded Germantown in 1683. An immense parade, over two miles long and with hundreds of Germans in line, was the first of a program that consumed the entire afternoon. Speeches were made later to immense crowds on the state house grounds, Mayor Love and Chancellor Avery welcoming the visitors.

For several days the entire city has been decked with American and German colors. Local merchants to the number of fifty, had prepared floats for use in the parade today, American and German colors were prominent in the parade, on the floats, on the laps of spectators and on every business block along the line of march.

The celebration of German day is coincident with the first annual meetings of the German-American alliance and is regarded as of much significance with respect to the consolidation of German interests and influence in the state.

At a Thursday morning meeting of the German-American alliance, John Mattes, Jr., on behalf of the political committees, introduced the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"The committee on educational matters recommend in its report instruction in the German language in our public schools. Said report was received by the convention with great enthusiasm. Requisite to obtain results in this direction are competent teachers, therefore this committee asks that the German-American alliance of Nebraska lend the German seminary of Milwaukee, Wis., moral and financial support.

"The committee recommends that the German-American alliance of Nebraska be represented at the dedication of the monument of General Steuben, which takes place in Washington, D. C., November next.

"The committee recommends that the German-American alliance of Nebraska make a donation towards the erection of a suitable monument in honor of Daniel Pastorius. Congress made an appropriation of \$39,000 for this purpose upon condition that the national German-American alliance appropriate a like amount.

"The committee recommends that the various branch organizations of the German-American alliance of Nebraska furnish its members with the insignia of our national organization.

"The German-American alliance of Nebraska demands the redistricting of our state to give representation in the legislature in accordance with the population, irrespective of political consequences.

"We recommend that the state organization appoint one man in each county to have charge of state affairs

therein; such appointee to act as general delegate with power to vote at annual or special meetings of the German-American alliance of Nebraska."

"We welcome with genuine satisfaction the movement of conservation of natural resources. We recommend the enactment of such laws by congress which will bring about a speedy solution of this important problem, the final solution of a question which was considered of most vital importance over thirty years ago by our countrymen and patriot, Carl Schurz. As a reward he received at the time the gratuitous ridicule of the American press.

"We condemn the movement now on foot to bring a prohibition bill before the next national congress, and are opposed to any national interference in the matter of temperance legislation.

The plain resolutions adopted regarding county option and the sturdy indorsement of anti-county option candidates was a source of perplexity to republican campaign managers today.

"We have never won a republican victory in this state without the aid of the Germans," a republican said. "It's a cinch that we won't get many of these."

The officers of the German-American alliance who were chosen in July to serve until the first annual meeting were re-elected today. The alliance comprises slightly more than half of the German organizations in the state at this time and it is asserted that all of them will be under the wings of the alliance within a short time. The officers are:

President, Val J. Peter, Omaha; first vice president, Dr. H. Gearhard, Lincoln; second vice president, Otto Leptin, South Omaha; third vice president, Karl Kauf, Hastings; first recording secretary, A. A. Lembach, Hastings; corresponding and financial secretary, John Mattes, Jr., Nebraska City; treasurer, Fred Volpp, Scribner. The committees were made up of these members:

Organization and Business—Dr. H. Gearhead, Lincoln; Louis Otnat, Nebraska City; Otto Leptin, South Omaha; C. W. Blum, Omaha; Mr. Lutz, Columbus.

Educational Pursuits—Carl Bohde, Columbus; the Rev. Stege, Plattsmouth; B. Sache, Omaha; Louis Tagmerker, Seward; George E. Strattmann, Omaha.

Political Affairs—John Mattes, Nebraska City; Karl Kauf, Hastings; Fritz Volpp, Scribner; Michael Bauer, Lincoln; C. A. Reimers, Pierce.

Auditing—Albert von Heyde, Grand Island; Jacob Fritzier, Lincoln; Nick Witt, Bennington; Diedrich Blankenmeyer, Pender; Joseph Thuringer, Omaha.

Thanksgiving—W. F. Stoecker, Omaha; Louis Held, Columbus; Fritz Stelling, South Omaha; Charles Weiss, Hartington; A. A. Lembach, Hastings.

RED MEN ARE COMING HERE

The City Should Make It a Red Letter Day in Its History.

Missouri Tribe No. 69, of Plattsmouth, local branch of the Improved Order of Red Men, are circulating a neat little booklet for the purpose of advertising their annual convention which meets in this city on the 19th and 20th of the present month, which is one week from next Wednesday and Thursday.

It is the proud boast of this order that antedates the declaration of independence ten years, and that George Washington, the Father of his Country, was the first Great Sachem of the order. Members of this order were of the band comprising the Boston Tea Party, and the history of the order is contemporaneous with the history of the United States government. The manners, customs, habits and characteristics of the Iroquois Indians have been adopted with the signs, ceremonies and pass-words of the Indian language, translated into English.

The local lodge has made a fine record and one its members may well be proud of. From starting in with a charter membership of 30 members, they have grown to a membership of 300. And the membership of the local lodge includes some of the best blood in the city, and the same is true through this state and other states.

The local lodge owns its own building which is fitted up for entertaining the membership in the most approved fashion.

The last annual session of the Great Council was held in Omaha one year ago, and at that time 200 members of the local lodge were in attendance and worked and voted to get the session of the present year located in Plattsmouth. This will be a live convention and the membership of Missouri Tribe No. 69, Plattsmouth, deserve much credit for their success in landing the convention, and it is now up to the city to royally entertain our guests while they are in the city. If an automobile parade could be arranged it would be a nice feature, and show up the good points of our beautiful little city.

In District Court.

The eleven jurors who tried the case of Charles Beckwith vs. the Samuel Johnson estate, were out but a short time when they returned a verdict into court yesterday afternoon in favor of the claimant for the sum of \$1,864.00. The plaintiff asked for \$3,500.00 and alleged a promise to make a will on the part of the deceased in plaintiff's favor, and his claim was for the amount which an eighty acre farm would have cost at the time the promise was made. The jury did not consider the promise proven, and allowed plaintiff wages as a farm hand for the time plaintiff showed he was with the deceased, which aggregated the above sum.

A jury was impaneled to try the case of Vesta Clark vs. the Bankers' Accident Insurance company, and the trial commenced. The jury in this case, by agreement of the parties, consists of ten men, two of the original panel having been excused. Those excused were G. L. Farley and Henry Goos, and the case is being tried to the following ten men: John Albert, John Bramblett, Oscar Miller, Chris Iske, Oregon Douge, J. V. Carnes, William Spangler, G. R. Sayles, W. A. Tulene and C. A. Gauer.

In County Court.

From Friday's Daily. Judge Beeson this morning heard the proofs in final settlement of the estate of the Mary Ella Davis estate, and discharged the administrator.

An administrator was appointed in the estate of Claiburn Aubrey Davis, deceased, today. Attorney Charles L. Graves appearing for the petitioner.

Proofs of death were made and the administrator appointed in the estate of John Ruby this morning, Charles E. Martin, the brother-in-law of the deceased, was appointed administrator.

264 acre farm, 4 miles west of Plattsmouth one and half miles from grain elevator, well improved, and known as the Jacob Horn farm. For further particulars see Mrs. W. Haasler, Plattsmouth, Neb.

WHY NOT USE THE SPLIT-LOG DRAG HERE?

Frank Beeson, Jr., who is the guest of his uncle, Judge Beeson, and who motored from Alliance to Plattsmouth, a distance of over four hundred miles, informs the Journal that through the counties in the west and west central part of the state the roads have been put in excellent condition by the use of the drag. Mr. Beeson thinks the roads in the eastern part of the state do not receive near the attention, and are not nearly in as good condition, as in the western counties.

A very good road drag, and one costing but little, is described in Farmers' Bulletin 321, sent out by the government, and written by D. Ward King, "Expert on Split-log Drag, Office of Public Roads." Mr. King says the earth road is by far the most common type of highway in this country. The cheapness compared with other types of construction and the absence of rock and gravel from many sections of the country will render its use necessary for many years to come. Mr. King says there are 2,000,000 miles of such roads which must be maintained by some means more or less expensive, and then endorses the split-log drag and describes the drag and tells how it is constructed, setting forth with appropriate cuts each part, so that anyone with an axe, saw, hammer and a two-inch auger and a piece of steel four feet long and three or four inches wide and a quarter of an inch thick can make such an implement. Mr. King then discusses the time to use the drag, stating that this should be not when the road is sticky, but moist enough to yield readily to the drag. There is no reason why the roads in this part of the state should not be kept in an excellent condition if the use of the split-log drag should be put in common use.

"The Wolf" Last Night.

From Friday's Daily. The company presenting this play last night at the Parmele deserve more praise than we are able to give it. While the audience was small, every member of the company played their parts to perfection just the same, and never before have we attended a performance in Plattsmouth that gave such universal satisfaction among the auditors. "The Wolf" is an interesting play from beginning to the end, and the scenery was simply grand. If we were to write columns in praise of Louis J. Howard and his excellent support, we would not be able to give them the credit they justly deserve. They should have been greeted by a crowded house, and those who failed to be there failed to witness one of the best shows that has ever visited Plattsmouth. And in this connection, the Journal desires to say, that those who fail to see "Graustark" Monday night will fail to see a play that is just as commendable as "The Wolf." If not a little more so.

Col. McMaken Visits John Gutche.

Col. H. C. McMaken returned from Jersey City and the east a few days ago, where he attended the national encampment of the G. A. R. While on his trip the colonel visited in Cleveland and spent some time with John Gutche, formerly mayor of Plattsmouth, and an employee of the Burlington here. Mr. Gutche is foreman in the brass foundry for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and draws his check each month for \$210.00, a similar position to which he held here. While Colonel McMaken was there Mr. Gutche received an offer from the locomotive works at Schenectady, New York, of a similar position at twice the salary he is now receiving. The son-in-laws of Mr. Gutche, Hugh Roberts and Will McFadden, were comfortably located in Cleveland and doing fine.

What They Denote.

Uncle Ben Marler, of Mynard, sends to the Journal a number of sweet potatoes, all in one bunch, all grown on one vine. The vine produced fifteen, and some of them pretty fair sized. Uncle Ben is one of the oldest democrats in Cass county, if not the oldest, and he says the increase of potatoes simply denotes the great multiplication of democrats this year.

Miss Cella Madson, who has been employed at the Iowa Institution for the Feeble Minded at Glenwood for the past few months, returned home Wednesday evening for a few days' visit with home folks.

Attend District Court.

Merton E. Weldy, superintendent of claims department of the Bankers' Accident Insurance company, of Des Moines, Iowa; J. A. Kizer, secretary of the company, also of Des Moines; Edward F. Uhe, of Sioux City, formerly district manager for the company; Roy L. Hamilton and Frank Irwin, manager and agent respectively, from Beatrice, Nebraska, were in the city today and gave evidence on behalf of the defendant in the case of Vesta Clark against the accident company.

DEATH OF A FORMER CASS COUNTY CITIZEN

From Friday's Daily.

T. M. Patterson received a phone message this morning informing him of the death of his cousin, Lavinus W. Patterson, at his home at Narka, Kansas, at 6:30 last evening. The message was very brief and did not state any of the details of Mr. Patterson's last sickness, but for the reason that none of his relatives in this county had been informed of his illness, it is believed that he died from heart failure. Mr. Patterson was about seventy-five years of age and he was a resident of Cass county for many years, having been one of the pioneers in this locality when the country was first settled by white men, and has been a resident of Kansas for probably twenty years. Mrs. Frank Moore, and Mrs. McDonald, of near Murray, are daughters of the deceased, and Mrs. William Gilmour, residing south of this city, is a sister, and Mr. Fred Patterson, the county surveyor, is a brother. A more extended obituary statement will appear tomorrow.

Will Soon Move.

The west room of the Fanger department store building, owned by Albert Wetenkamp, is being thoroughly overhauled this week and put in excellent condition for occupancy about the 15th of this month by J. E. Mason, with his candy and confectionery store. When in this new room Mr. Mason will carry a much larger line in every department, he will be better prepared to serve his many patrons, giving him an excellent room for serving hot and cold lunches and oysters in any style. Mr. Mason's patronage has grown wonderfully since he opened this line about one year ago, as hard work and kind treatment has always been his daily motto, and we predict for him greater success than ever in his new home. May he continue to grow. He will be in the new home not later than the 15th of October.

Returns Home.

Chas. Reynolds, who has for the past few weeks been working at Palmer, Nebraska, at which place he was for a few weeks in full charge of the village newspaper, returned home this week. Charley says he was successful holding down every department of the situation, but he says the financial surroundings did not justify his remaining with the job. This is no unusual circumstance with the average country newspaper. They are in many localities supposed to exist without the necessary financial assistance, and many of them do simply exist, and nothing more.

A Former Citizen of Cass.

From Friday's Daily. A former citizen, Aaron Batterson, of Antelope county, who was called here on account of the death of his little grand-daughter, little Mary Grace Batterson, was a caller at the Journal headquarters yesterday. Mr. Batterson is a former resident of Cass county, and removed to Antelope county about ten years ago, where he has since resided. Mr. Batterson was known to all the older residents of the county, and especially in the vicinity of Plattsmouth, and has been a constant reader of the Journal.

A. W. Smith Improves Farm.

Mr. A. W. Smith, residing just west of the city, has recently finished a large addition to his already commodious barn. Mr. Smith has added room enough for ten cows, which he expects to add to his herd, and do some dairy farming. Mr. L. G. Larson did the carpenter work. In addition to the improvements on his barn, Mr. Smith has added two coats of paint to his dwelling. Mr. J. R. Rumberfield doing the artistic stunt.

Services at M. E. church at Maynard.

The pictures now at the Majestic are great.

A FASCINATING ROMANTIC PLAY

"Graustark" Coming to the Parmele Monday Night.

"Graustark," the dramatization of the most popular work of fiction in the last twenty years, will be the attraction at the Parmele on Monday night, October 10th. In it George Barr McCutcheon has treated the most romantic theme that ever inspired the pen of a novelist, the love of a brave, handsome, dominant American for a princess of royal blood. The story has been told before, but never with the delightful charm of Mr. McCutcheon's novel. No heroine was ever so fascinating as Yotive, the willful little princess of Graustark, and no hero so admirable as Grenfall Lorry, the rich young American, whose native shrewdness outwits foreign diplomacy and batters down the royal tradition of centuries, in the fight for the woman he loves.

He first meets her on a train as it pulls out of Denver. There is something rare and exquisite, but distinctly foreign in her appearance, and though a much traveled young man, he cannot quite guess her nationality. All his advances toward her or members of her party are met with cold reserve, but he eventually forms her acquaintance when she is inadvertently left behind at a little station up in the Alleghenies. Although able to catch the train himself he remains behind to assist her. He wires the train to wait for them at the next station, and hiring a mountain coach, they dash wildly after the waiting train; by the time he assists her to the steps of the Pullman their friendship is cemented and the romance well started.

The young woman introduces herself as "Miss Guggenslocke" of Edelweiss, the capital of Graustark. When the American told her he had never heard of it she asked him why geography is not taught in American schools, and half jestingly invites him to visit her at Edelweiss. By the time he watches her steamer sail away from the pier he is hopelessly in love and the next boat has his name on the passenger list—the eager search for the mysterious land of Graustark has begun.

Through Harry Anguish, an artist friend who joins him in Paris, he learns that "Graustark" is an obscure principality in eastern Europe. When they arrive they are dismayed to find that not even the oldest inhabitant has ever heard of "Miss Guggenslocke"—all inquiries meeting with a mysterious ignorance. That night the disappointed lover and his friend overhear a plot to abduct the princess of the realm. In a crazy mood for adventure they follow the conspirators to the castle and even to the princess' boudoir, which Lorry enters to protect her. The princess awakened, rises hastily from her bed. Lorry turns to her and with a gasp recognizes the strange girl he has come half way across the world to see—not Miss Guggenslocke, but Yotive, princess of Graustark.

Then follows the prettiest duo of love scenes ever staged. For Anguish and his cute little countess, unfettered by the ban of royalty, life flows as smoothly as a summer song. But for Lorry and Yotive there are problems, unconquerable, unsurmountable—unless American pluck can cut the Gordian knot. She is a princess of the royal blood, must wed none but a prince, and even now is betrothed to the heir of the throne of Axlaphn. Lorry is only an American. She loves him hopelessly, despairingly. He loves audaciously, and ever the star of hope shines before him and beckons him on. Matters are hurled to a climax by the jealous prince of Dawsbergon, who murders Prince Lorenz of Axlaphn and casts suspicion on the American. Then the princess becomes an arch plotter, scheming to save her lover even at the cost of her kingdom. Her superb bravery and the unadulterated nerve of Anguish's "bluff" snatch Lorry from the scaffold, win a strong political alliance for Graustark, and remove the barrier of hereditary law between the little queen and the American prince.

Charles Wamsat and wife, of South Omaha, came down today and looked over the farm lately purchased from James Sage. Mr. Wamsat will move on his farm next March.

A GOOD MOVE IN THE PROPER DIRECTION

At the last session of the Board of County Commissioners, the question of whether Cass county should have a new jail was an interesting subject for discussion. It is becoming more evident each month that the county can not house its criminal class in the old shell we have, for want of a better name termed, a jail, much longer, and hold its place in civilized society. A resolution was passed this session, allowing the citizen taxpayers an opportunity to express their feelings, at the November election, as to whether they will, for the cause of humanity, burden their property with a tax of 2½ mills on each dollar of valuation, the valuation for taxation purposes being but one-fifth of the actual valuation, for the purpose of creating a fund out of which a decent jail shall be constructed. When the actual value of the taxable property is considered, the levy of 2½ mills on one-fifth of this amount would not be felt by any one, and the just pride we as citizens of the county should feel in

the common weal, should prompt us to vote for the improvement. It will only be opposed by a narrow-minded few, who are of the ancient Pharaese type of individuals, who can have no touch of sympathy for the unfortunate souls whom the law thrusts behind the jail walls to await their day in court. Every enterprising citizen in the county should sanction the enterprise, and if one has a doubt as to the need for the proposed structure, he should visit the place where the prisoners are kept and see for himself what the conditions really are.

"Right Man in the Right Place."

From Friday's Daily. Hans Tams, superintendent of county infirmary, called at the Journal office yesterday, and while here renewed for the daily and also renewed the subscription of the copy of the Semi-Weekly Journal sent to his son-in-law, Henry Carston, at Wall Lake, Iowa. Mr. Tams has had charge of the poor farm for several years, and seems to be "the right man in the right place." He is a hustler, and has done better for the county than any superintendent for many years.