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## THE EASTERN STAR AND THEIR FRIENDS ENJOY HALLOWE'EN

Masonic Hall the Scene of a Most Pleasant Event, and One Long to be Remembered by All Present.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The members of the Eastern Star gave a delightful Halloween party at their club rooms in the Masonic hall last evening. The guests of the evening were the husbands, brothers and sweethearts of the members of the order, and it is needless to say that the guests were royally entertained.

The decorations were in harmony with the "even" and the season and consisted of autumn leaves, "in the sear and yellow leaf," bitter-sweet berries, yellow pumpkin Jack-o-lanterns, and mummy-like cadavers tucked away in the dark crannies, in the reception hall were posted, the ghost-like shades of the departed grandmother of some of the membership, the duty of the shades being to welcome the guests, and on the lapel of each coat was pinned a sprig of oak and a clump of bitter-sweet as a measure of identification later on when the spooks should invite them to the banquet table. About the reception room were placed several tables and the gentlemen were enter-

tained at cards during the forepart of the evening. After enjoying the games and a social time, a short program was had consisting of reading and vocal music. Miss Bernice Newell favored the company with two interesting and entertaining readings; Miss Edna Peterson sang "Keep on the Sunny Side," and Miss Helen Chapman sang "Dry Those Tears," both numbers were thoroughly enjoyed and much appreciated by the company.

Later the guests and members of the order were ushered into the long banquet hall, where covers were laid for a hundred of the merry party. Refreshments consisting of pumpkin pie, coffee, doughnuts and apples were served. The decorations throughout the banquet hall, of autumn leaves and bitter-sweet were carried out.

At a very late hour the party dispersed, but before the guests departed they voted the membership of the Plattsmouth organization of the Eastern Star the best entertainers in Nebraska.

## HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATE HALLOWE'EN

The Sophomores in Plattsmouth and the Juniors at Mynard.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Some of the pleasant social affairs of the season were the class parties held at various places last evening by a number of the classes of the High school. Each class report one of the best times they have had in some time and that they celebrated Halloween in a manner which will never be forgotten.

The members of the Sophomore class assembled at a large barn in the central part of the city. For the occasion same had been appropriately decorated with pictures and foliage and made very comfortable, cozy and homelike with rugs, chairs, porch swings and the like. Grotesquely carved pumpkins had been placed in various places, which, with a cheerful open countenance gave hearty welcome to all who approached. Various Halloween sports were indulged in by the Sophomores, all sorts of devices for ambitious youth to try for a peep in futurity being given. At the proper time refreshments were served and likewise thoroughly enjoyed.

The Juniors chartered an immense hayrack and drove to the hospital home of Miss Benitta Porter, at Mynard, where a most delightful evening was had. The various puns and pranks introduced were entered into with much interest and enthusiasm and laughter and good cheer prevailed throughout the entire evening. Light refreshments, characteristic of the occasion, were provided during the evening, which all found delightfully appetizing and pleasant.

### Sub-Storekeeper Resigns.

Mr. J. G. Hanks, who has been sub-storekeeper for the Burlington at the local shops for the past three or four years, has handed in his resignation to take effect at once, and will depart for Spokane, Washington, about the 15th inst. Mr. Hanks has been offered a desirable position as manager of a general store and at a good salary. He has had some twenty years' experience in the mercantile business, and will go to his new position well equipped to make it a success. The many friends of Mr. Hanks and his estimable wife will regret to have them leave Plattsmouth, and the best wishes of all of them will attend Mr. and Mrs. Hanks in their new home.

### Elect United States Senator.

The voters should bear in mind that S. H. Buck, E. J. Stedman and M. A. Bates are pledged to cast their votes for the people's choice for U. S. senator and those who favor the election of a United States senator in this way should remember this because their opponents refused to sign this pledge.—Nebraska City News.

Little Misses Elizabeth, Grace and Virginia Deeson entertained little Misses Marie Strelight, Marion Mauzy and Gertrude Ramsey at their home last evening in a very pleasant manner. Various Halloween amusements were indulged in, after which the little ladies participated in a candy make. A fine time is the report.

## DISTRESSING ACCIDENT AT HOME OF JOHN CLAUS

From Wednesday's Daily.

A distressing accident occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Claus last evening about six o'clock, which resulted in their little son receiving quite a savage cut in the forehead, and their infant daughter sustained the loss of the end of one finger.

The little girl was sitting on the floor at the time, playing with a bottle, the little boy, George, was climbing upon a chair, and in some way lost his balance striking with his head on the bottle in the little girl's hand, breaking it and cutting his forehead on a sharp piece of the bottle. At the same time a piece of the bottle severed the second finger of the little girl's right hand, near the end. Mr. Claus was away from home at the time, and Mr. Steinhauer and Otto Herald took the children to Dr. Livingston's office, where the wounds of the little ones were dressed, three stitches being required to close the wounds in each case. While the injuries are quite serious they are not dangerous, and the little folks will be about as usual in a short time.

From Wednesday's Daily.

### Miss Lillian Dwyer Entertains.

The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Dwyer rang with merriment last evening when their daughter, Miss Lillian, entertained in a most delightful manner a number of her little friends at a Halloween party. Misses Florence Dovey and Blanche Hill assisted Mrs. Dwyer and the little hostess in entertaining and serving.

In deference to the season, the various games and amusements planned for the occasion were of the Halloween nature and produced considerable frolic.

One of the contests was the plucking of eyes on a pumpkin, and Miss Joannette Patterson captured the prize. Another sport was blowing out the candle flames, the one blowing 12 out with the first puff, to be married the first. Miss Alex White was the one who blew it out at the first puff. Uncle Thomas Kennish told their fortunes and apportioned wealth and happiness to those who were brave enough to test their fate. Dainty refreshments characteristic of the occasion were served at a convenient hour.

Those in attendance were: Misses Edith Dovey, Jannette Patterson, Nora Livingston, Alex White, Emma Cummins, Janet and Harriette Clement, Helen Gass and Margaret Donehand.

### Progressive Halloween Party.

A number of the young people of the city enjoyed the Halloween festivities last evening by having a progressive party. The jolly crowd launched out on the evening's entertainment with three points of visitation, beginning at the residence of Zack Brown, where refreshments consisting of pumpkin pie and bananas was served and an hour of fun and frolic and pranks of the season generally engaged in. Leaving Mr. Brown's residence about 9:30 the party next paused at the residence of J. M. Leyda in the Second ward, where the boys and girls were regaled with sandwiches and cocoa and amusements of various kinds were provided by the kind hostess, Mrs. Lydia, some of which were cool and others warm, warmer, warmest. After a half hour of sport the party took up the line of march and made the next and last stop at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bratner, in the Fourth ward, here they were refreshed with popcorn, candy and fruits.

Those participating in the jolly event were Miss Mabel Brown, Miss Mauzy, Miss Pauline Karlasek, Miss Egonberger, Ellen Leyda, Miss Janet Bratner, Miss Vera Brown, Joe Eaton, Phil Campbell, Floyd McDaniel, Wallace Hunter, Stanley Coon and Bill Fox.

### Stock and Grain Farm For Sale.

222 acres 1½ miles east of Murray and 7 miles south of Plattsmouth. Good five-room house with excellent stone cellar. Good \$1,000 barn, and other out buildings. Three good, living springs, one right at the house, and everything comfortably situated. Will be sold for \$110 per acre, one-half down, and balance to suit purchaser at 6 per cent. Call on or address me at Murray, Nebraska.

F. M. Young.

### Celebrates Birthday.

From Monday's Daily.

Dean Patton reached his eleventh birthday yesterday, and it being Halloween there were two reasons for celebrating the occasion with a fine party which his parents approved of and assisted the young man in entertaining his young friends. A merry time was had, the decorations of the season were placed about the rooms, Jack-o-lanterns adorned the premises and a general good time was engaged in by the young people. The games of the evening consisted of checkers and lotto and furnished amusement for the happy boys and girls until the hour for refreshments. A delightful luncheon was served by Mrs. Patton, assisted by Mesdames Floyd Phebus and John Thompson.

Those present were: Glen Thompson, Kenneth McCarthy, Arthur White, Hersher Petty, Alpha Halstrom, Bernice Richards, Joe Bolin, Ed. Bolin, Dean Patton, Ward Patton, Ida Patton, Pearl Forley, Russell Forley, Mrs. N. W. Forley, Mrs. John Thompson, Mrs. Floyd Phebus and Orlo Phebus.

### Governor Has Right to Appoint.

Attorney General A. F. Mullen in an opinion written yesterday holds that Governor Shallenberger has the right to appoint a man to fill the place on the railway commission made vacant by the death of W. H. Cowgill and that there is no legal basis for the attempt being made by the republicans to elect a man to the place. The republican committee, through the compliance of Secretary of State Jencks, put the name of Peter Mortensen on the ballot but, unless a republican court overturns Mullen's opinion, this move will avail nothing.

The opinion is based broadly on the fact that Mr. Cowgill's death did not occur thirty days before the election. If a vacancy in any state office occurs thirty days before the election the state political organizations may select candidates for the place.

### Coroner Reports.

Clerk of the District Court James M. Robertson received the verdict of the coroner's jury this morning, reporting on the death of Thomas G. Brittain, who was killed accidentally Saturday near Cedar Creek. The jury was composed of O. E. Lister, J. H. Hesselrow, Henry Inhelder, A. O. Ames, C. D. Lane and Jacob Lohnes. After hearing testimony given by Sile Lane, O. R. Amick and H. G. Frey, the following verdict in substance was brought in: "That the said Thomas G. Brittain came to his death by being struck by a west bound extra Burlington freight train, between the hours of 11:30 a. m. and 2 p. m. on the 29th day of October, 1910."

### Removed His Burrs.

From Tuesday's Daily.

When James Wynn hitched his team to his wagon this morning he did not suspect the Young America had been let loose in the city last night, and he did not make any examination of the vehicle, but after hitching on, started off for his work on the street.

He had not gone far when two wheels rolled off and let the axles of his wagon down. Mr. Wynn then made an investigation and found that all four burrs had been removed during the night, and his wagon was entirely out of commission. He unhitched from the vehicle and brought his team to town. The police force are on track of the boys who did the malicious mischief and will no doubt bring them in and have them make good the damage to Mr. Wynn.

### The First Grandchild.

This morning Mrs. L. G. Larson was called to Union on account of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Foster, who presented her husband early this morning with a sweet little baby daughter. When the message came, it was thought Mrs. Foster was in a serious condition, but later reports state that mother and daughter are getting along as well as could be expected. There is much rejoicing in both Grandpa Foster and Grandpa Larson's households, as this is the first grandchild of which either can boast. The Journal joins in with both parents, grandparents and uncles and aunts in their joy, with the wish that the little lady may live to be a comfort to them all.

George Hill and wife and Mrs. Hill's sister, Miss Pappe, were Omaha passengers on the morning train today, where they looked after business matters between trains.

## "THE SYSTEM" AGAINST CONGRESSMAN HITCHCOCK.

A Few Words to the Voters Who Desire to See an Honorable Man Vindicated at the Polls.

In casting your ballot for United States senator there are two issues on which you will be passing judgment.

You will decide first, whether you want to have Nebraska represented in the senate by a democrat who, in his six years in congress, has stood always for Nebraska, voting with the republicans when he believed them to be right, and at whose congressional record no accusing finger has ever been pointed. Or you will decide whether you want Nebraska represented by a republican who has represented Rhode Island oftener than Nebraska, the eastern trustee, rather than the western farmer and wage earner, and who has voted with Aldrich oftener than with La Follette.

You will decide, in the second place, whether you are ready to give your sanction to a campaign of unparalleled mud-slinging and personal abuse, directed against a man whose reputation for fifty years has been without a blot. If you are ready to increase such methods and help an ex-convict and chronic blackmailer to drive an honest man out of public life, whose only fault is that he has served the people and defied the trusts, syndicates and monopolists, then you need not be surprised if honest and brave men prefer to discontinue from the service of the state, leaving politics to be controlled by the powerful special interests and their corrupt tools.

Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Burkett each has a record in congress. Mr. Hitchcock, early in this campaign, invited Mr. Burkett to a series of joint debates, in which they might defend before the people, their respective records. Mr. Burkett refused to accept the challenge.

Gilbert M. Hitchcock expated Ballinger in the house, while Elmer J. Burkett was doing the bidding of the Sugar Trust in the senate. Hitchcock proved himself as dangerous to these interests as Burkett proved himself useful. The result was the "Bursley attack" on Hitchcock, made by Bartley from Denver, which is the home of the Guggenheim syndicate that suffered because of the Hitchcock attack on Ballinger.

The attack has nothing to back it but insinuations and unsupported charges. The original charge was that Hitchcock had borrowed state funds from Bartley and had refused to repay them.

It has been shown, to the satisfaction of every fair-minded man, that the only money Hitchcock ever borrowed from Bartley was at a time when Bartley was a banker, in the money lending business. The amount was \$2,000. Every penny of it was repaid while Bartley was state treasurer.

It has been shown, by Bartley's own admission and over his own signature, that the only other claim, of any sort, that Bartley ever had against Hitchcock, was by his coming into possession, after he was par-

doned out of the penitentiary, of a \$3,000 note given by Hitchcock many years before to an Omaha banker. The note was secured by a second mortgage, and was a part of the purchase price of the property thus mortgaged. This note was wiped out by foreclosure proceedings and a deficiency judgment during the panic years. Bartley afterwards secured it, as has been shown by his own admission, over his own signature, out of his own private personal funds on deposit in the Omaha bank and attempted to use it for blackmailing purposes.

This is the entire "case" against Mr. Hitchcock. All the photographs of letters and telegrams published in the Burckett newspapers have simply shown Mr. Hitchcock as a business man in the midst of panic and hard times, struggling bravely with adversity, dividing that original loan of \$2,000 into small amounts and paying it off a little at a time. Such representative men of Nebraska as C. J. Smyth, M. F. Harrington and T. H. Tibbles, after considering all the evidence, have publicly declared, in the newspapers, that Mr. Hitchcock's transactions with Bartley were entirely legitimate, honorable and fair.

For a quarter of a century through the World-Herald, and for six years in congress, Mr. Hitchcock has been fighting the people's battles. He and his paper were the backbone of the reform movement in the '90's, and his paper helped powerfully in the long fight for lower freight rates, for a 2-cent passenger rate, for physical valuation, for an apt-pass law, and for other important reforms. In his paper and in congress Mr. Hitchcock has fought for public savings banks, for the popular election of senators, for an income tax, for an honest revision of the tariff, for the enforcement of the law against the trusts and against the greed of syndicates trying to steal the public domain and rich mineral and coal deposits. He has never dodged nor ducked. He has never courted the favor of the great special interests that boast they can make or break public men.

Because of it all, these interests are now desperately trying to break Mr. Hitchcock. They are trying not only to keep him out of the senate, where they would fear him, but to ruin the reputation he has spent a lifetime in building up.

It is for the voters of Nebraska, republicans as well as democrats, to say whether they are willing to have such a man so crushed and punished. Today it is Hitchcock, a democrat. Tomorrow it may be some other man, a republican. His fate, if he is struck down, will be a warning to other public men to think twice before they defy "The System."

"The System" is always careful to protect and reward the men who serve it. In their own interest the people should be equally zealous to protect and reward a man who serves them, and to do it regardless of party lines.

### Herman Dettman.

We do not believe the republicans will turn down Herman Dettman because of his alleged "taking the stump" for a certain democrat some years ago, without satisfactory proof of his so doing. Mr. Dettman doesn't deny that he voted for this democrat; and the returns from Stove Creek at that time showed that a number of other republicans did the same thing. We have faith in Mr. Dettman's ability to perform the duties attached to the commissioner's office, and we would therefore urge others to ascertain the facts before condemning him, the same as we would do for any other candidate for office.—Leader-Echo.

### In Otoe County.

The campaign is drawing to a close and the voters realizing that S. H. Buck, E. J. Stedman and M. A. Bates represent their ideas on the matter of county option are going to give them a rousing big majority on the 8th. These men have been tried and never found wanting. They have

always voted to voice the will of the people and will continue to do so in case they are re-elected. They have made a clean campaign and are all clean representative men.—Nebraska City News.

### Improves Residence.

Ben Decker, one of Plattsmouth's enterprising citizens, residing at the corner of Thirteenth and Pearl streets, has expended considerable money on improvements around his dwelling, which adds much to the appearance and comfort of the residence. Among other improvements, he has fixed a basement and made a comfortable and cosy kitchen and dining room, increasing the room in his dwelling quite materially.

Mrs. J. W. Presby and her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Wilcox, are guests of Mrs. Ed. Fitzgerald. Mrs. Presby is a sister of Mrs. Fitzgerald and has been in the city several days, her daughter, Mrs. Wilcox, arrived from her home in Chicago only last Sunday. Mrs. Fitzgerald and guests spent the afternoon in Omaha.