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"A CLERGYMAN'S COURTSHIP" BY MEMBERS OF ST. LUKE'S CHOIR

Presented at the Parmele Theater Last Evening to a Very Large and Highly Appreciative Audience.

From Friday's Daily.

"A Clergyman's Courtship," the beautiful New England pastoral comedy drama, was presented to a very large and appreciative audience at the Parmele theater last evening, the production being under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Austin, for the benefit of the St. Luke's choir, and we would say that they were well chosen, as all seemed well fitted for the role. The play was one of real New England life, taken from a little country village, and the lines being exaggerated very little from life.

Arthur Grayhurst, the ambitious village clergyman, was well played by Mr. Austin. He met with the usual numerous obstacles which are continually presenting themselves in the pathway of the average village minister, and who was very successful in maintaining harmony in the numerous circles of his little congregation, principally by giving each member a voice, and usually consenting to let them have their own way.

Jerrold Brice, his young attorney friend and ardent worker in the church, and in love with Arthur's sister Alice, was well rendered by Mr. Will Egenberger. He made an excellent appearance on the stage, and his lines were well delivered.

The character of Jonas Dixon, leader of the village choir, and numerous other tasks to perform in this life, by Jay Selvers, was good. The interest he took in the success of the choir was just a little out of the ordinary, his time being so thoroughly occupied that he compelled the members of the choir to rehearse as early as six o'clock in the morning so that he would be able to get in a full day's work before night.

Jacob Snyder, the German theatrical manager, by Stanley Kuhns, was an excellent character. While his lines were limited, as the boys in the gallery would say, he was "there and over" in the makeup. He made a good German character, possessing the appearance of a professional in every way, and carried his lines well.

Reuben Stebbins, the sleepy janitor, by Glen Scott, whose arduous duties at the church and opera house, kept him tired from early morn 'till late at night, was exceptionally good. He sure possessed the appearance of a very much overworked young man, one with very limited ambition, and simply wanted plenty of sleep, and he

was not to blame if he did not get it. The lady characters were all good, especially Mrs. Austin, in the actress character, who had led a very adventurous life, and came to the little village for rest and pleasure, bent upon making ridiculous the life of village people in general, and especially the congregation of the little church. Falling in love with the clergyman, she altered her plans, working for the interest of the church, deserting her former life and becoming the wife of the clergyman.

Alice Grayhurst, Arthur's sister, member of the choir, and possessed with an excellent voice, was well presented by Miss Gretchen Donnelly. Also the character of Miss Amarilla Jones, who is very proud of the fact she possesses a beau, by Miss Violet Dodge. Miss Jones never failed to have a voice in all the church business, and believing the dance to be the best medium to secure funds in defraying the church expense. Miss Dodge was excellent in these lines, and she never failed in contending for the last word.

Mrs. Wilkins, the one member of the choir whose every interest was for the best of the church and a firm believer of the results received from the annual rummage sale, by Mrs. Anna Britt, was one of the best characters of the play, and Mrs. Britt seemed to be right at home in the lines. She possessed her own ideas, but never determined, and gave way to other voices in the choir and congregation.

Matilda Triplett, the alto singer of the village choir, who always knew what was best for the congregation, and the success of the church in general, was a character well placed when given to Mrs. James Donnelly. Her makeup and idea of the character and the manner in which she carried the lines were indeed clever.

Miss Edna Peterson took the part of the organist, at which post she presided at all meetings, and was always prompt in her attendance. The author gave but very few lines to this character, no doubt thinking that she would have her hands full in giving her music the proper attention. The attendance was very large and all seemed well pleased with the entertainment in general. The stage settings were well arranged and displayed considerable taste on the part of the manager.

Becomes Sole Owner.

Press dispatches from Lincoln yesterday conveyed the information that Don C. Despain, president of the Lincoln baseball club had purchased the half interest owned by his partner, L. B. Stoner, and thereby becomes sole owner of the club franchise. The consideration was \$8,000. Under the ownership of Messrs. Despain and Stoner the Lincoln club furnished the fans of that city with a fast and classy article of baseball and the prospects are that Lincoln will be on the baseball map of 1911 with even a stronger team. Mr. Despain's Plattsmouth friends will be more than pleased with this success.

GLENWOOD GETS BADLY TRIMMED

Plattsmouth Football Team Defeats Them 30 to 0.

From Friday's Daily.

There was sure some football game at the Chicago Avenue ball park yesterday afternoon and the crowd, while few in number, was very enthusiastic for the home team. It is a matter of great regret that the efforts of the boys to secure a Thanksgiving game, were not better appreciated by the citizens in attending.

In the first quarter of the game Glenwood brought the ball close to Plattsmouth's goal but were unable to score and then Plattsmouth brought the ball to Glenwood's five-yard line when time was called. In the kickoff in the second quarter, Glenwood fumbled and Plattsmouth held them on the ten-yard line. Mauer scored a touchdown for Plattsmouth. Beal secured the ball for Plattsmouth and gained several yards before being downed. About this time Anderson, the "Terrible Bollermaker," got started and tore several holes in the Glenwood line, advancing the ball far into their territory. Anderson scored a touchdown for Plattsmouth. After the second touchdown the Glenwood defense became weak and they were easy money for the home team. A very neat trick was pulled off by the locals. In passing the ball the boys began talking among themselves and the Glenwood players stood watching them until Mauer, for Plattsmouth, had carried the ball half way down the field and later carried the ball over for another touchdown, making the score stand 15 to 0, as Plattsmouth was unable to kick goal. During the short rest Don Leonard, the old time veteran footballist, was put in the game, taking the place of Kelly, and made a number of splendid tackles. That Beal boy again got hung two more touchdowns on the boys from the institute city, making the final score 30 to 0.

The team that represented Plattsmouth yesterday was surely a credit to the city and it is a shame that the attendance at the game was so small. The bright stars of the game were John Mauer, Clarence Beal and Anderson, who did some classy work, although the whole team was there and over. "Kid" Clark made several fine tackles as did Leonard, Schiapacasse and Smith.

The game was late in getting started, it being 4:15 before the first kickoff. The Glenwood players came over in automobiles and were late in arriving. They were a very gentlemanly bunch of boys.

Wreck On M. P. Delays Trains.

A large engine on an extra freight west bound on the Missouri Pacific tracks last night, got off the track in the Plattsmouth yards causing a delay in trains of about four hours. The accident occurred shortly before the midnight train was due here, and while the extra was attempting to make the side track to let the passenger go by.

The midnight train ran into the station here, then backed up to South Omaha and made Union via Weeping Water. The trouble seems to have been caused from defective leveling up after repairs on the culvert over the cemetery viaduct.

Fortunately no one was hurt as the speed of the train had been reduced on coming into the yard limits.

Pigs For Sale.
I have a number of spring male Duroc-Jersey pigs for sale.

N. KLAURENS

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICES

The Services at the Christian Church Largely Attended.

The service in observance of the Thanksgiving day as directed by Governor Shallenberger was held at the Christian church yesterday, and was well attended by the church-going public.

Rev. Ratcliffe, pastor, presided, and announced the different parts of the order of service. The hymns were sung by a choir composed by Mrs. R. B. Hayes, Miss Ethel Crabill, G. L. Farley and B. A. McElwain. Mrs. Hayes rendered a very beautiful solo, entitled, "I Hear the Voice of Jesus Say." Prayer was offered by Rev. Austin of the M. E. church. Rev. Steger read a scripture lesson, and the governor's proclamation was read by Mr. A. L. Tidd. The sermon was preached by Rev. Gade.

Rev. Gade gave a description of the grateful attitude of the ancient people of Israel after the rebuilding of the walls and the temple of Jerusalem under Ezra and Nehemiah.

"Ezra," the priest, was called upon to read the Law of Moses and explain it to the people, which he did. And when they understood the reading, Nehemiah and Ezra and the Levites declared that day a holy day, and urged them to joy and thanksgiving.

"Thanksgiving and gratitude to God that the Law of Moses, so long time lost, had been read and explained to them in such a way that they could understand it now filled their hearts, and they went their way 'to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great mirth because they had understood the words that were declared unto them."

"God's word has stood the test of reason and revelation and experience. It would be something for which to be thankful if the people of this great country would have a deeper appreciation of God's truth and then go out among men to live the great significance of its teachings."

"It is the sword with which we have conquered in the battle with ten thousand temptations. We have felt our crosses grow lighter under its revelation of Him who bore the heaviest cross of all, and when our friends stumbled toward the troubled waters of death, it kindled for us a bright hope in the Redeemer."

"The fact that we should be thankful requires no argument. There is no trait of character quite so base as ingratitude. Ingratitude whether to God or man is deserving of all censure. There is nothing quite so bitter as forgetfulness for kindness received. The poet has said:
"Blow, blow, thou winter wind,
Thou art not so unkind
As man's ingratitude.
Freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky,
Thou dost not bite so nigh
As benefits forgot;
Though thou the waters warp,
Thy sting is not so sharp.
As friend remembered not."

After speaking of the nation's growth and wealth, Rev. Gade declared "That a nation's greatness does not consist in the abundance of her wealth, but it is righteousness that exalteth a nation."

"And are there not indications that serve to show that America is losing stern and sterling righteousness? The loosening of the bands of marriage, and the breaking up of the sanctity of the home life; large wealth giving men the liberty to dismiss their wives with a word; the lack of reverence for Christ's church and the Holy Sabbath day; the open violation of sacred trusts by those in high authority—all indicate that righteousness is passing away.

"And, oh, if beautiful America, which has been reposing so secure and serene, between the mountain summits of her freedom, is to prove that republic can endure, our country must exult righteousness and return to the Puritans' reverence for God, truth, justice and righteousness, given in the early morning of our history."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the congregation arose and sang the doxology, followed by the benediction, by Rev. Ratcliffe. The service was most interesting throughout.

Mrs. Mary Hempel went to Omaha yesterday to visit her son Charles and family, for a few days.

Thanksgiving Dinner Party at Union.

From Saturday's Daily.
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Thomas and sons Karl and George were passengers to Union yesterday morning, going down to attend a Thanksgiving dinner party, given by Miss Jessie Todd, at her pretty home at that point. Those invited to participate in this most delightful occasion, being members of the Todd family. At the noon hour a most elegant, as well as elaborate Thanksgiving dinner was spread in the dining room of Miss Todd's home, to which the guests did ample justice and which elicited many compliments. The daintiest dishes the lady's larder would afford were most temptingly served and were most thoroughly enjoyed. Dainty place cards, bearing pumpkins done in water colors, marked the places of the guests at the table. The afternoon was devoted to automobile riding throughout the country in that vicinity and in reviewing the good times the guests had spent together. All in all this dinner party was one of the most enjoyable in some time.

Those in attendance were Messrs. and Mesdames H. G. Todd and family, L. C. Todd and family, L. G. Todd and family, A. D. Eigenbradt and daughters, Hella and Meada, of Lincoln; G. W. Thomas and sons, Karl and George of this city, and Miss Elizabeth Baird.

Sick in Hospital.

The relatives of Mr. Lora Davis, of Colorado City, Colorado, were greatly alarmed Thursday morning when a telegram was received announcing the serious illness of Mr. Davis at a hospital in the Colorado city. The telegram did not state what the sickness was, only that it was of a contagious nature and that no one was permitted to see him. Mr. Davis' two sisters, Mrs. B. P. Kennedy and Mrs. Rasmus Peterson reside in this city and Mr. Davis was reared here, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Davis, were for so long residents.

Benefitted at Springs.

Mr. Henry Long, of near Murray, drove in from the farm this morning, bringing to the train his daughter, Mrs. R. M. Shrader and two children, who were departing for their home at Holbrook, Nebraska. Mrs. Shrader has just returned from a four weeks' sojourn at the Burlington Junction, Missouri, mineral springs, where she has been taking treatment. Mrs. Shrader is greatly benefitted by her stay at the springs, having gained 15 pounds in that time, and is feeling much improved in health.

Singular Case of Drowsiness.

Jesse McVeigh received a letter from a cousin in Garden City, Kansas, informing him of a peculiar case of his father, who had been troubled with cataracts on his eye. He had a specialist remove the cataracts, and went to an oculist to get glasses fitted to his eyes and on arriving at home the patient fell asleep and slept for eight days continuously. At the time of writing the letter, the man was able to be out for the first time since his peculiar affliction.

New Bank Cashier.

While in the city today looking after some business matters, H. E. Wellensiek, cashier of the Avoca bank, gave the Journal a call. Mr. Wellensiek will leave Avoca next Wednesday to enter upon his duties as cashier in the leading bank of Syracuse. He informs the Journal that Joe Zimmerer, for several years a prominent merchant of Avoca, will assume the duties of cashier of the bank of that village. Joe is a fine gentleman, a good business man, and popular with all who know him. May success always attend him.

Blunt Taken to Pen.

Sheriff Quinton took Grant Blunt, convicted of burglary at the present term of court, to the penitentiary at Lincoln this morning, where the young man begins a seven-year term at hard labor, and where it is hoped he will apply himself and master some useful trade by which he can earn an honest living when his time is up.

Card of Thanks.

To the kind friends and relatives who so generously assisted, and especially to Mr. Cyril Janda and the other members of the choir, who aided in the funeral service of my beloved wife, recently, I wish to express my sincerest thanks.
Thos. Janda.

BUSINESS LIGHT ON RAILROADS

Because Markets Are Not the Best and Shipments Are Held Back.

Lower markets and the fact that farmers are busy in the cornfields are reasons given for a heavy slump in the movement of Nebraska grain and live stock. There is very little Nebraska corn and very little Nebraska live stock on the road now. Notwithstanding this transportation business remains fair, the west bound through freight making a heavy tonnage, while local merchandise and fuel shipments are sufficient to keep the trains moving and well loaded. The business volume is not what it was a few weeks ago, but railroad men are not worrying over conditions, because the business is in the country to be moved and eventually will be moved.

A growth in the volume of grain marketed is expected in a very short time. Farmers have been busy in the corn fields and in some sections of the state progress is reported toward clearing up the corn fields. The corn will soon be in the crib and then the farmers will find time to market grain. The live stock has been well cleaned up during the past two months, and while a few hogs and small shipments of feeder cattle are yet to be made this is not sufficient to greatly increase the volume, even should the market reach a point that would induce heavy shipping.

Coal is moving freely and railroad men say that in a short time the dealers will be so well supplied that danger of a fuel famine will nearly vanish, providing that strikes or long blockades by storm do not impose unusual conditions. There is enough business in sight to maintain a heavy average of business all winter.

From Near Weeping Water.

From Saturday's Daily.
Henry Kehne, one of Cass county's prosperous farmers from near Weeping Water, was looking after some business matters in the city today, and while here paid the Journal office a brief call, renewing his paper for another year. Mr. Kehne is one of those excellent German farmers who never forgets the printer. This is his first visit to the county seat for several months, during which time he has been suffering from stomach trouble, having spent several weeks in the hospital at Omaha. We are pleased to note that he is feeling greatly improved at this time. He was met here by his brother Fred, who resides west of Plattsmouth, where he went to spend Sunday.

Have Pleasant Time.

Passengers on the Missouri Pacific Wednesday evening were afforded a rare treat. The train was an hour late out of this city and after running to within three miles of Fort Crook, the driving rod on the engine broke, and the train had to wait until another engine could be sent out from Omaha. The train arrived in Omaha at 11 o'clock, giving the passengers from this place fifteen minutes to get on the train coming back. What they said and thought had better never be told.

Gone Into Bankruptcy.

Plattsmouth stockholders of the Pope Trunk and Leather Goods company of Omaha, have received notice that the concern has gone into voluntary bankruptcy. This is said to be the first corporation to go into bankruptcy under the new law, as heretofore the method of winding up the affairs of a "busted" corporation has been by means of a receiver.

Has Hand Injured.

Wednesday afternoon, while unloading wood, Mr. A. S. Will had the misfortune to have a stick of wood fall on the back of his left hand, fracturing the bone of the little finger. The injury was so painful that Mr. Will went to a doctor, who discovered that the bone was fractured. The injured hand was dressed and placed in splints, and will be of little use to Mr. Will for some time.

George Sayles and family went to Cedar Creek Wednesday afternoon and spent the Thanksgiving holiday with Mr. Sayles' mother. The family remained at Cedar Creek over Sunday while Mr. Sayles returned to Plattsmouth this morning.

BURGLARS MAKE RAID ON AVOCA

Break in Several Business Houses and Missouri Pacific Depot

On Wednesday night, or sometime Thursday morning, while all the good people of Avoca were peacefully slumbering, burglars made a raid upon several business houses of that village. This is something unusual for Avoca, and the robbers are supposed to be strangers, who probably took advantage of the people after they had all gone to their homes and were resting in the peaceful arms of Morpheus.

The store of the Avoca Supply company was entered, and cash to the amount of \$6.00 taken from the money drawer. It is supposed that some small articles were also taken, but to what extent, they were unable to determine at the hour the Journal received its report.

Gus Moore's saloon was also broken into, and \$2.40 taken, besides liquors and cigars, but as to what amount has not been ascertained, but the robbers, no doubt carried off plenty of such articles to at least do them over Thanksgiving.

The Missouri Pacific depot was also broken open, but here they secured but very little, if anything. Some are disposed to think that the burglaries were committed by home talent, from the manner in which the buildings were entered, but this is hardly probable. Others are of the opinion that the deeds were committed by tramps

passing through the town, and keeping hid during the daytime to commit the burglaries, which is supposed to have occurred between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock, Thursday morning.

Crowd Breaks Record.

Manager Schleas, of the Majestic, had a record-breaker audience Wednesday evening at the drawing of prizes advertised to be distributed to the lucky holders of tickets.

The audience could not all have seats in the auditorium and the entrance to the room was packed and a crowd reaching almost to the curb on the pavement outside the building.

Mr. Schleas announced the numbers as they were drawn from the box, and the same were taken up by Mr. Brady from the rear of the hall and shouted into the street. Two of the prizes fell to parties in the vestibule. The dollar's worth of tickets was drawn by Jesse Wurga, the box of chocolates by Louise Hess, the goose by Henry Brinkman and the turkey by Louis Hess.

The show was excellent, the program being of the humorous class, and very entertaining throughout.

Laundry Changes Hands.

Smith & Trilley, the Main street real estate men, closed a deal yesterday whereby the Plattsmouth steam laundry was sold to Pierson Brothers, of Omaha. These gentlemen are experienced laundrymen and business men of high character, who formerly operated a laundry at Schuyler, where they were burned out. The firm comes with the best of recommendations, and will take possession December 1st.