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## PRESIDENT STOOKEY'S ADDRESS AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Funeral of the Late John E. Leesley Held Sunday Afternoon From the Methodist Largely Attended.

From Monday's Daily. President Stookey, of Bellevue college, addressed Rev. L. W. Gade's congregation at the First Presbyterian church yesterday morning, and also spoke to the Y. P. S. C. E. in the evening.

A fair sized audience greeted President Stookey at the morning service and a large turn out appeared in the evening. The special music at the morning service was an anthem, the subject of which was "My Jesus, I Love Thee," the solo part being sung by Miss Helen Chapman.

Dr. Stookey's discourse was along educational lines, and more particularly the work of his college, the speaker urged upon his hearers the importance of the advantages furnished to the students of small colleges as compared with those offered by the larger universities, especially in the work covered by the college course.

Dr. Stookey is a very pleasant speaker and gave his audience some valuable information regarding the college located so near us.

Rev. Gade announced from the pulpit that on next Sunday the Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Presbyterian church of Omaha would be guests of

the society here, and take full charge of the evening service.

The funeral of John E. Leesley occurred yesterday afternoon from the Methodist church, a large congregation of neighbors and friends of the deceased and his family assembled to pay a last tribute of respect to a most estimable citizen. The service was conducted by Rev. Austin, pastor of the church, who spoke feelingly of the sterling character of the deceased, preaching a most able sermon. The music was simple and consisted of a verse of two of the familiar hymns, favorites of the deceased, which were sung by the choir.

Interment was made at Oak Hill cemetery, the pall bearers were: W. E. Palling, Walter White, Theo. Fry, O. C. Dovey, H. McKay, George Helzel and Will Howland.

Friends from out of town attending the service were: Walter Palling, Albert and William Leesley, Mrs. Hattie King and Mrs. Sarah Rheece, all of Greenwood; Mr. and Mrs. Chitt Laughlin, of Alvo; Mrs. Julia Schappe and daughter, Miss Dala, Will Allis and wife and children, and A. O. Range and wife, from Havelock, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bunch, of Bellevue.

## G. A. R. AND W. R. C. INSTALL OFFICERS SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday evening the G. A. R. and W. R. C. officers for the year were installed. Comrade J. W. Johnson installed the officers for the G. A. R. as follows:

J. H. Thrasher, Commander.  
W. H. Freese, S. V. C.  
Wm. Barnhart, J. V. C.  
R. B. Windham, Adjutant.  
J. W. Carter, Quarter Master.  
T. J. Glenn, Q. Sargent.  
George Polesall, Chaplain.  
Wm. Porter, O. G.  
A. Renner, I. G.

The officers of the W. R. C. were installed by Mrs. J. H. Thrasher and were as follows:

Martha Peterson, S. V. P.  
Mrs. Alice Cowles, J. V. P.  
Jennie Dodge, Secretary.  
Nannie Burkel, Treasurer.  
Mrs. Archer, Chaplain.  
Ellen Hickson, Con.  
Arlie Williams, G.  
Inez Stenner, A. C.  
Frances Purdy, A. G.  
Loretta Ault, Color Bearer.  
Sarah Gochnour, No. 2.  
Minnie Lee, No. 3.  
Isabel Carter, No. 4.  
Olive Moore, Musician.  
J. E. Vandercreek, P. I.  
Emily Dickson, P. C.

The meeting was called to order by the commander. The installing officers, both did their work in their usual dignified and pleasing manner. Following the installation ceremonies, Mrs. Thrasher, in behalf of the corps, in a neat speech, presented the outgoing president, Emily Dickson, with a beautiful ring. Mrs. Dickson, being taken by surprise, found few ready words to express the appreciation of good will and thoughtfulness expressed in the circle of gold.

An elaborate luncheon was served by the ladies. Patriotic music and social conversation filled the hours full and running over with true good fellowship. The hall was filled with the members of the two orders and their families and friends.

## Suffering With Rheumatism.

W. H. Rainey returned from Union Sunday evening, where he went to see his brother, J. P. Rainey, who has been suffering for the past few weeks with a severe attack of sciatic rheumatism. Mr. Rainey administered all aid in his power for the relief of his brother, and when he returned last evening he was resting some easier. Sciatic rheumatism is a very painful affliction from which it is very hard to free a suffering patient. We trust Mr. Rainey may soon find relief.

T. F. Marshall and wife, of Lincoln, are visiting Mrs. Marshall's parents, G. Fickler and wife.

## J. E. McDaniel Injured.

Saturday evening, as J. E. McDaniel was going to his home on High School Hill, he slipped on the icy pavement near the residence of Col. Bates, at the corner of Seventh and Main streets, and sustained a very serious sprain of the ankle. Mr. McDaniel managed to get home, although his foot pained him very much, and he has not been able to leave his room since. A physician was called and dressed the injured ankle, and advised Mr. McDaniel that he would probably be able to use his foot in about a week.

## W. E. ROSENCRANS AND PARTY RETURN FROM TEXAS

From Tuesday's Daily

W. E. Rosencrans and party, consisting of Messrs. James A. Schlanker, A. A. Wallinger and S. R. James, of Elmwood, and Henry Hirz, jr., of near Plattsmouth, returned last evening after spending two weeks in the Lone Star state. In a talk with several of the party, we easily inferred that they enjoyed their trip and were well pleased with the great advantages offered in Texas. These people are like nearly everyone that Mr. Rosencrans has taken to Texas, very enthusiastic as to the future of that country. They speak very highly of the climate, soil and the production of all manner of crops, and especially fruit and vegetables. So favorably were they impressed with what they saw they arranged to purchase land, which they say is much better than represented by "Rosy."

We were shown several photographs taken of the party, everyone of whom seemed right at home. One view was near an orange tree with the July fruit thereon. So charming did this scene appear that we wished we had been one of the party. There is one thing about the firm of Rosencrans & Son, and that is that they do not misrepresent the lands they have for sale. This has been one of the secrets of their success. They have taken hundreds of landseekers to Texas since they went into the real estate business, and we have failed to see one return that did not find the country and lands just as represented by Mr. Rosencrans.

## GOES TO CHICAGO.

Dr. G. H. Gilmore was in the city yesterday, en route for Chicago, where he goes to take a post graduate course in the Polytechnic Post Graduate Institute of that city. Dr. Gilmore has fully recovered from the effects of the operation for appendicitis a few weeks ago, and is looking remarkably well. He is one of the most successful practitioners in Cass county, and he goes to take this course to more thoroughly understand many things that come under his observation in his extensive practice. Dr. Gilmore departed last evening for Chicago, where he will remain about one month, and the Journal's best wishes go with him.

## FRED OHM TAKES ANOTHER REST IN THE COUNTY JAIL

A complaint was filed in Judge Beeson's court this morning, signed by Mrs. Clara M. Ohm, charging her husband, Fred Ohm, with threatening her life, and alleging that she feared Fred would assault her unlawfully, and would kill her, stating that on the 1st day of September, 1910, he did say he would kill her. Fred was escorted from the county jail by Sheriff Quinton into the presence of the court and the county attorney, where the complaint was read in his hearing and he was asked to state whether he was guilty or not. Fred proceeded to unburden his mind with a great deal of immaterial matter in extenuation of his offense, and said he would plead guilty to all of the charges in the complaint, except that he did not say he would kill the complainant. The court then inquired of Ohm if he could give a bond, and he said he could, the amount of the peace bond was then fixed at \$200, which defendant thought his mother would sign with him.

## Surprised On His Birthday.

George Lamphere, residing in the Fifth ward, had a neat surprise sprung on him last Saturday evening, it being the 50th anniversary of his birth. The neighbors became aware of the event and planned to spend the evening with Mr. Lamphere and assist him in celebrating his birthday in a manner appropriate to the occasion.

The evening passed rapidly away, the company being entertained with cards and music. Luncheon was served, which added to the enjoyment of the evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. D. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Van Horn, Mrs. Will Brisey and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirby, Miss Etta Hyde, Mr. Charles Lamphere, of Omaha, and Mr. and Mrs. George Lamphere.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Larson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Foster, near Union.

## POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED NEAR LOUISVILLE

Miss Nora R. Keiser, oldest daughter of Jacob Keiser, was married to William M. Gorsuch, of Oxford, Nebraska, at the home of the bride's father, four miles west of Louisville on Wednesday, January 4, 1911. The bride is one of Cass county's best young ladies and the groom is a prosperous young farmer and stock raiser of Furnal county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Samuel Keiser, uncle of the bride.

Promptly at 2:30 o'clock the bride and groom marched into the parlor to the strains of the wedding march played by a sister of the bride, where the ceremony was performed in the presence of a few relatives and friends. A bountiful wedding dinner was served at six o'clock, after which all repaired to the parlor where the evening was spent in social conversation and music. At 8 o'clock about 30 or 40 of the young people of the neighborhood came and serenaded the happy couple. They were invited in and served with refreshments.

Mr. Gorsuch has a fine farm in Furnas county and a splendid house all furnished in which to take his bride. The best wishes of many friends go with Mr. and Mrs. Gorsuch to their new home—Louisville Courier.

## PLATTE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY IN GOOD SHAPE

The policy holders of the Platte Mutual Insurance Company are congratulating themselves on the very excellent showing the company makes in its last report, which was made recently by the secretary, Mr. H. R. Gering.

The secretary's report shows 643 policies in force, which cover \$529,468.00 of insurance in force. The cash holdings of the company is invested as follows: \$2,500 loaned on first mortgage, and \$1,000 deposited, drawing 6 per cent interest, and \$500 drawing 3 per cent interest and a cash deposit with the First National Bank of \$119. The expense account for last year aggregated \$802.69, and included the following items: Advertising for the entire year, \$36.92; commissions paid to agents, \$349.57; paid to treasurer, \$15; paid to secretary, \$253; paid for legal expense, \$11; paid for taxes, \$2.95; paid board of directors, \$132; other expense, \$2.25.

## FIRST ANNUAL MASK BALL BY THE KATOLITKY SOKOL

The first annual mask ball given by the Katolicky Sokol at their hall on last Saturday evening was a grand success in every particular. Owing to the numerous other social events being given in and near the city, the attendance was not quite so large as they had expected, but socially the occasion was a most decided success, and every one had a genuine good time. The promoters of the affair and the members of the society were very much pleased with the results both socially and financially. The music was up to the usual high standard. There were five prizes given and awarded by the judges as follows: Ladies' first prize was given to Mrs. James Novacek, while Miss Lillian Kalacek captured the second; first gent's prize was awarded to Frank Svoboda, who has been visiting here from western Nebraska, and the second was given to J. Havels. The comical, or booby prize, was awarded to Messrs. Gradoville and Sedlock, jr. The judges were F. G. Egenberger, Julius Pitz and Ed. Rummel and their awarding judgments seemed to give general satisfaction. At the usual hours the merry throng departed for home unanimously pronouncing the first annual occasion of the Katolicky Sokols a grand success.

## Arrived From Washington, D. C.

Mr. John C. Moody, of Washington, D. C., arrived this morning to become a resident of the Masonic Home. Mr. Moody will no doubt be pleased with his new environment, as the Home has a family of congenial old people, who enjoy every comfort that heart could wish.

Mr. A. E. Taylor, of Union, was in the city yesterday and called on Dr. Jones, the veterinary.

## THE USE OF TELEPHONES IN RAILROAD BUSINESS HAS ITS DRAWBACKS

Train Dispatchers Find Many Disadvantages as Well as Some Advantages, But on the Whole, Not a Success.

Half of the railroad mileage of Nebraska is operated either in whole or in part by telephone dispatching of trains. The operators have found it possible to work more rapidly with the telephone in many instances, and they have found them especially valuable when anything goes wrong with a train and time can be gained by getting into direct communication with the conductor or the engineer.

Some of the objections to the use of the 'phone are voiced in a letter printed in a recent number of the 'Train Dispatchers' Bulletin, from a dispatcher. The letter in part is as follows:

"When the 'phones were first put in the operators answered the bells promptly, as they did the telegraphic calls when they first learned to work on a telegraphic circuit, but now it takes as long to get the operators as it did by telegraph; largely because the station men have to do work outside. When an operator's bell rings he has no way of knowing whether it is for orders or for some unimportant message. With the telegraphic call it could be distinguished readily by the distinctive signal.

"The telegraph has another advantage: When an operator starts to repeat an order by telephone and has it wrong the dispatcher has no way to break him, but he keeps right on repeating it until he has finished, and then the dispatcher has to send the order again, which could be avoided with the telegraph.

"When a dispatcher puts in a call by the selector and before the desired officer answers another office gets busy, and when the man called the line in use he hangs up his receiver and goes about his work; on the telegraph circuit he could do this and still listen to the sounder.

"After a dispatcher has called an office, and before finishing with the operator he is necessarily interrupted by another office, he cannot simply tell the first office to wait a minute, as by telegraph, but he loses him altogether and has to go through the calling operation again, as the operator cannot be expected to sit there when he has other work to do.

"I believe the telephone has given cause for the ever-increasing questions on a dispatcher's circuit. The writer sent an order running a local passenger train one hour late and sent it five times to nine offices, which, when repeated, would total fourteen times it was transmitted on

the telephone circuit. While the last operator was getting "complete" to the order, another office broke in and asked how the train was. Station operators seem to grow so they know nothing about what is being done on the line. When a train or engineer asks how another train is, or some ordinary question, the operator "does not know" and the dispatcher is broken in on for the information. An assistant trainmaster says that he never receives any answer to a question asked of an operator other than "I don't know; I'll ask the dispatcher."

"All telephone circuits are installed with a set of rules which protect the dispatcher from interference by others on the line. But the trouble creeps in and finally the superintendent or trainmaster finds that he can talk directly to some roundhouse foreman or roadmaster and thinks the business of sufficient importance to interrupt the dispatcher's circuit, and this grows contagious. Next day the roundhouse foreman remembers how plainly he heard a man 200 miles away, and uses the same method to reach someone else. They will, and do, get in on the dispatcher's circuit.

"It is true that orders can be repeated faster on a telephone, and it is not so much work to call on the telephone, but messages cannot be sent so fast as by telegraph. If a message is transmitted fast enough to convey the same sense in sentences, the operator cannot copy it, and the circuit remains idle between sentences, which allows others to get in and interrupt the service.

"The efficiency of the telephone has decreased at least 20 per cent, due to the fact that the operators have grown back into the rut they were in with the telegraph. The telephone is superior to the telegraph where an operator goes to sleep on duty, but they are learning to cut out the bell when they wish to rest undisturbed.

"The writer is well acquainted with two systems of telephones, and has worked both systems, but would welcome the telegraph again and would feel less tired than with the telephone.

"With the telegraph a dispatcher could get up, step to the window or the water cooler and still listen to his work. Now, with the telephone, you are practically tied as with a halter to the desk for eight to nine hours."

## DESIRES TO TAKE MATTER TO THE FEDERAL COURT

A case was commenced very recently by Mrs. C. E. Du Boise against the Missouri Pacific Railway company, through her attorney, M. Gering, praying for damages in the sum of \$5,800. The controversy grows out of the construction of the company's roadbed through the lands of the plaintiff some twenty years ago, at which time tressels were thrown across the Weeping Water river near plaintiff's land and since that time some six or eight years ago, a part of the tressel work was taken away and earthwork filled in their place, causing the water to back over the lands and crops of plaintiff. The damage to crops for the past three years is alleged to be \$1,800, and the soil of the farm lands along the tracks damaged to the extent of \$50 per acre by reason of having been rendered wet and heavy and non-productive to the amount of \$4,000.

The defendant is represented in the action by F. A. Brogan, of Omaha, who yesterday procured an order from Judge Travis allowing the removal of the case to the circuit court of the United States, in the Lincoln division. A bond of \$500 was tendered, conditioned for the removal of and filing the case in the federal court.

Mr. N. O. French and wife, who have been visiting Mrs. Jacob Stenner and family for a short time, returned to their homes at Cambridge, Nebraska, on the morning train today.

## Suit In County Court

John Young, of Murray, has brought suit in the county court against John Gregory a farmer of that vicinity, for nonfulfillment of contract in the delivery of a crop of corn which the plaintiff contends he had purchased. The petition sets out in substance that in February of last year Mr. Young purchased corn of the defendant and advanced him \$1,500 spot cash. That the defendant delivered 1,000 bushels of corn at 58 cents per bushel and 682 bushels at 56 cents per bushel and then laid down on the contract. The amount of corn delivered fell short of covering the money advanced to the tune of \$238, for which the plaintiff prays the court to enter a judgment. The case will be for hearing in the ordinary course of procedure at the February term of the county court.

## Buys Hardware Stock.

Mr. P. M. Melsinger recently purchased a half interest in a hardware stock at Benson, Nebraska, and went up to take charge today. Mr. Melsinger was in business in Benson before, and liked the location very well. At that time he had a grocery store. He thinks he will like the hardware business just as well, and he has a good man with him who knows the business thoroughly. The Journal wishes Mr. Melsinger the best of success, as he is the sort of man who deserves success.

John A. Hennings, from near Cedar Creek, was in the city today looking after some business matters.