

SPLENDID TIME ENJOYED LAST EVENING AT COATES' HALL

Mask Ball Given by Royal Neighbors of America Proves a Most Flattering Success in Every Respect.

The grand mask ball given by the R. N. of A. at the Coates hall last evening was a brilliant success, and socially and financially surpassed any given by this popular fraternal society for a long time. The M. W. A. orchestra supplied the music for the occasion, which of itself is sufficient guarantee for a most enjoyable evening and a full turnout of the young people who delight in tripping the waltz.

Prizes were awarded to the prettiest costume among the ladies and to the most striking of the gentlemen. A strong committee was selected to decide among the numerous handsome figures present.

The competition was close and the judges deliberated well before making up their minds, and finally de-

termined that the first prize, a pair of kid gloves, should go to Mrs. Pearl Sivilly, who wore white trimmed with red and white hearts; the second prize for prettiest costume was awarded Mrs. N. Crissinger. Among the contesting gentlemen, the first prize was given to Charles Hula, representing a sporty "coon;" the second was awarded James Lindsey, who very gracefully represented the woolen interests and was decorated with a sheep's head. The first prize for the gentlemen was also a pair of kid gloves.

There was not the slightest dissatisfaction at the decision of the committee, and the best of feeling prevailed throughout the evening and the merry dancers whirled in the giddy waltz until a late hour.

SOMETHING DOING ON THE MISSOURI PACIFIC

The future of the Missouri Pacific is the leading subject for discussion in railway circles. The upward trend of Missouri Pacific stock is taken as an indication that some sort of change is imminent in the policy of that company. What it will be may not be known previous to the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company in St. Louis March 14.

Recently there was a shifting of Missouri Pacific holdings to Kuhn, Loeb & Co., which many believe has affected in some measure the Gould control. Others assert, however, that these holdings are not large enough, representing only those unloaded by the Pearson-Farquhar syndicate in the recent reverses in America. The extent of these holdings probably will become known at the annual meeting. Proxies already have been sent out for the meeting.

Some hold there is no strong disposition to deprive Gould of control, but that the object is to have Mr. Gould appoint some strong operating official as president, to reside at St. Louis, and keep in closer touch with the system, and have the authority to make improvements so badly needed in the property.

In this connection comes reports from many sources that Edwin Hawley will be the next head of the Missouri Pacific. The Hawley and Gould interests always have been friendly. And Mr. Hawley also is allied closely with the Kuhn-Loeb interests. In the event that other stockholders show strength enough to wrest the control from the Goulds, it is believed Mr. Hawley would be an acceptable head all around. Hawley already is an important factor in the railroad world, controlling the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, the Toledo, St. Louis & Western, the Chicago & Alton, the Iowa Central, the Minneapolis & St. Louis, the Chesapeake & Ohio, and the Hocking Valley.

Change in Operators.

Mr. W. G. Mathews of Omaha assumed the duties of linotype operator at the Journal office this morning. Mr. Joseph Throop, who has held the position for the past five or six months, having resigned for the purpose of taking a few months' rest. Mr. Throop has had many years of experience and is a skilled operator, knowing how to care for a machine and to keep it going. His successor, Mr. Mathews, comes to the Journal with fine recommendations, having operated a machine for a number of years on the Omaha dailies, having been with the Omaha Daily News for nine years and previous to that with the Bee for eleven years. He has moved his family here and will become a Plattsmouth citizen.

Meet With Mrs. W. T. Cole.

From Wednesday's Daily. Another very pleasant meeting was that of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church, held at the pretty home of Mrs. W. T. Cole yesterday afternoon, at which a large number of ladies were present. The afternoon was devoted to various diversions and at the proper time a most delicious luncheon was provided, which the ladies found delightfully appetizing and pleasant.

For Sale.

I have four pedigreed Hereford bulls, from a year and a half to two years old, ready for service. Sired by my herd bull, A Jack, weight 2,500 pounds. C. Bengen. 2-9-16tw.

Mrs. George Ulrich visited Omaha friends today, going on the early train, to spend the day.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The undersigned will sell at public auction at his farm four and a half miles west of Murray, or five miles north and one mile west of Nehawka, Nebraska, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., sharp, on

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1911.

The following property, to-wit:

One bay mare, seven years old, weight 1,830.

One brown mare, four years old, weight 1,470.

One bay mare, four years old, weight 1,470.

One bay gelding, three years old, weight 1,250.

One bay mare, three years old, weight 1,260.

One steel gray mare, four years old, weight 1,400.

One black gelding, seven years old, weight 1,250.

One gray mare, four years old, weight 1,250.

One lady's single driver, ten years old, weight 1,440.

One saddle mare, four years old, weight 1,000.

One brown colt, weight 1,000.

One yearling colt.

One Shetland pony, coming three years old. Broke to ride or drive—safe for any child.

Seventy head of stock hogs.

Fifty brood sows for March and April farrow.

Farm Machinery:

Two farm wagons.

Four cultivators.

One hay rack, complete.

Two harrows.

One hay stacker.

One hay buck.

One hay rack.

One hay rake.

One top buggy.

One new carriage.

One wagon bed.

One pair sleigh runners.

One feed grinder.

One broadcast seeder.

One old buggy.

One riding lister.

Two walking listers.

One pair horse clippers.

One pair sleigh runners.

One set carriage harness.

A few chickens, some household goods and numerous other articles.

Terms of Sale:—All sums of \$10 and under, cash in hand; over \$10, a credit of six months will be given, the purchaser giving good bankable paper bearing interest at eight per cent from date. No property to leave the premises until settled for. Lunch will be served on the grounds at noon.

J. L. Young, Owner.

Wm. Dunn, Auctioneer.

W. G. Boedeker, Clerk.

Farming Begins in Cass County.

Councilman A. S. Will is authority for the statement that farming has already been commenced in Cass county. His sons having been cutting stalks and disking sod which was broken last fall. Fifty acres of land has been gone over in this way, and the young farmers say that the soil was never in better condition to work than it has been for a week. The present rain will stop the work for a short time, when the seeding process will commence.

Hedge Posts For Sale.

1,000 good hedge fence posts for sale. Inquire of L. A. Meisinger, or address. Rfd. No. 2, Plattsmouth, phone line 6-F. 2-13-4tw

Foley Kidney Pills are a reliable remedy for backache, rheumatism and urinary irregularities. They are tonic in action, quick in results and afford a prompt relief from all kidney disorders. F. G. Fricke & Co.

J. G. Richey was looking after some business matters in Nehawka yesterday.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS HOLD VALENTINE PARTY

In spite of the adverse elements, a large number of young people assembled at the hospital home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Newell last evening, at the social meeting held by the C. E. society of the Presbyterian church. The young people had come prepared to have a royal good time and they sure did have it, as the social meeting of last evening was one of the most delightful held by the Endeavorers for some time. For the occasion the rooms of the Newell home had been prettily decorated with red hearts, both large and small. As this social meeting was in the nature of a Valentine party, the games and amusements planned for the occasion were along that line. In one of the rooms, blindfolded, and requested to step over some glass tumblers, which had been placed in a row on the floor. Another very amusing stunt was hunting for the candy hearts, which had been hidden about three of the rooms. And still another, was a sort of a guessing game, which proved quite perplexing to some and aroused considerable merriment. Sheets of paper and lead pencils were then distributed and everybody had to, not only draw a valentine, but write a verse of poetry, whether or not they were capable of this particular art, the only thing that prompted them to at least try, being that a prize would be given for the best one. There were a number of real good ones, but the one drawn and written by Miss Crete Briggs was found to be the best one and she was awarded the prize, a box of candy. Then too, there were some delicious refreshments served at this time, which materially aided in the social good time. An hour or so spent in music, social conversation and various puns and pranks brought to a close one of the best evenings ever spent by the C. E. society.

MAYOR SATTLER FOR STRICTLY BUSINESS PRINCIPLES

Mayor Sattler seems fully determined to do business on business principles, as a perusal of the proceedings of last night's session of the council will fully convince the average reader. A resolution was passed, introduced by the mayor himself, for the council to select a committee of five to work jointly with a like committee from the commercial club in the investigation of the water plant matter and endeavor to find out what is best to be done with the franchise, and to learn if possible, if it will be to the best interests of the people for the city to conduct the plant. The resolution was duly passed.

Another resolution, introduced by the mayor to have a committee of three appointed to investigate the charges made against a former city official, and to report at the next meeting of the council. Every member present voted for this resolution with the single exception of Dwyer, who opposed its adoption.

An ordinance was introduced, at the suggestion of Mayor Sattler, regulating the time for the opening and closing of pool halls and picture shows, and the amount they shall pay for license.

Mayor Sattler has performed his duty at all times and under all circumstances, and is ever watchful to the best interests of the taxpayers of Plattsmouth. For which he deserves great credit, and the thanks of the people in general.

ST. MARY'S GUILD ENTERTAINED BY MRS. CLEMENT

From Wednesday's Daily.

The ladies of the St. Mary's Guild of St. Luke's church held a most delightful meeting at the home of Mrs. Will Clement yesterday afternoon, and in spite of the fact that it was very muddy, there were a large number of the ladies in attendance. A very interesting business session was held, after which the greater part of the time was very pleasantly passed with social conversation, the plying of the busy needle and the like. A most enjoyable, as well as profitable afternoon, is the report.

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The Avoca Department

News Items Gathered Each Week by a Special Reporter for This Department of the Semi-Weekly Journal

William Maseman was at Omaha Wednesday.

Mrs. H. Vanderberg was at Lorton Tuesday.

Earl Harmon was down from Omaha over Sunday.

Miss Ima Johnson spent Saturday and Sunday in Avoca.

Henry Minderman was under the doctor's care this week.

Adolph Knuth of Cedar Bluffs is visiting Avoca relatives.

Dr. F. W. Kruse made a business trip to Omaha Wednesday.

P. J. Hanger was here from Lincoln several days this week.

Henry and William Vette were at Grand Island the first of the week.

A. J. Johnson was attending to business matters at Omaha Monday.

H. A. Ruhge was attending to business matters at Lincoln Tuesday.

Ervin Paap and wife are the parents of a baby boy, born February 8th.

L. J. Marquardt and wife were at Omaha several days this week buying

goods.

G. W. Brazeale, proprietor of the Oxford, spent Tuesday night at Talmage.

Roy Fahnestock and H. Marquardt made a trip to Central City the first of the week.

H. G. Willensick was over from Syracuse Saturday evening to attend the Ringler-Donovan concert.

Lambert Johnson and wife of Sumner were here the first of the week visiting at the home of Samuel Johnson.

Louis Carsten, Jr., who is attending business college at Lincoln, spent Sunday with his parents southeast of town.

The entertainment given by the Ringler-Donovan Concert company at the Congregational church February 11th pleased the people of Avoca.

Every number rendered was given the closest attention and fully appreciated by the audience. That the company is made up of persons of refinement there can be no question.

Beware of Colds

At this time of year it is well to keep a bottle of cough medicine in the house. A slight cold may develop into pneumonia or croup. We handle several first-class cough remedies which have been on the market for years and have stood the test of time. They contain no harmful narcotics or alcohol and are reliable remedies.

Ora E. Cope,

DRUGGIST AND JEWELER

Avoca, - - - Nebraska

Mr. and Mrs. Pickard of Wichita, Kansas, arrived last night and will be guests of Mrs. Pickard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer McKay, for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. McKay, who have been quite sick for some time, are improving somewhat and are able to be up a part of the time.

Special Clearance Sale

OF FURNITURE!

Beginning on Monday, February 13th, and the balance of the month up to March 1st. I will sell from my stock of Furniture, etc., at a discount of 15 per cent below the regular price.

The following listed Furniture will be sold at extra low prices, the cost price will not be considered, and the prices given in the list are bargain prices, which you cannot overlook, if you are in need of any Furniture at all.

Read the following list over carefully and note the low prices:

A Quarter-sawed Oak Bed Room Suit, regular price \$61.00, sale price...	\$45.00
An Imitation " " " " " " " " " " " "	42.00, " " " " " " " " " " " "
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A five-piece Parlor Suit, " " " " " " " " " " " "	45.00, " " " " " " " " " " " "
A three-piece " " " " " " " " " " " "	30.00, " " " " " " " " " " " "
A Plush Covered Couch, " " " " " " " " " " " "	19.00, " " " " " " " " " " " "
A Velour " " " " " " " " " " " "	10.00, " " " " " " " " " " " "
A Large Rocker " " " " " " " " " " " "	11.00, " " " " " " " " " " " "
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A Set of Dining Chairs, " " " " " " " " " " " "	10.50, " " " " " " " " " " " "
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A 12-foot Extension Table, " " " " " " " " " " " "	15.00, " " " " " " " " " " " "
An 8-foot " " " " " " " " " " " "	21.50, " " " " " " " " " " " "
A Large Secretary, " " " " " " " " " " " "	30.00, " " " " " " " " " " " "
An Iron Bed, " " " " " " " " " " " "	26.00, " " " " " " " " " " " "
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A Piano, " " " " " " " " " " " "	300.00, " " " " " " " " " " " "
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Now a few words to those who will be so fortunate as to read the above, I will say that my sale will be bona-fide, and that all purchases must be paid for in cash, as that is the only way that I will sell at the discount figures as above stated. Remember the dates, and tell your friends about this sale, if they are not subscribers to the local newspapers.

M. HILD,

THE FURNITURE MAN, Plattsmouth, Nebraska