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A VERY INTERESTING MEETING OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB LAST NIGHT

Many Interesting Matters Discussed, Including the Water Franchise, the Banquet and Things of Interest to the City of Plattsmouth.

From Friday's Daily.

A very interesting and lengthy session of the Commercial club was held at its hall in the Coates' block last evening, in which many important matters were called up and discussed. The banquet committee reported that it had made good progress, a toastmaster had been secured and the menu for the banquet decided upon; the gentlemen to respond to toasts had been secured and it is very probable that Judge Ben Baker of Omaha will be secured as one of the speakers for the evening, and he will be requested to speak on the subject of the commission form of government, as he recently addressed the Omaha people on the same subject. It was also stated that the banqueters would not be limited only to the membership of the club and business men of Plattsmouth, but the citizens generally in the vicinity are invited to get tickets for the spread. Henry Goos and B. A. McElwain have charge of the sale of tickets admitting the holders to the banquet, which will be given on Thursday evening, March 9, at 8 o'clock. No citizen can afford to miss this banquet, and as Messrs. Goos and McElwain make the rounds do not ask them to call the second time, as they both have business of their own to attend to and have not the time to visit you more than once.

There were many communications which had come to the desk of the secretary, among the most important of which was one from the American Embassy association, which was accompanied by a small book describing the objects of the association, which was to advance the interests of the United States in foreign countries, and to urge upon congress the importance of this government owning its buildings in foreign countries, in which to quarter its ambassadors, consuls and foreign ministers, as under present conditions no suitable buildings could be obtained, and the United States foreign representation was very much more poorly quartered than those of any other country. The association desired the Commercial club to pass a resolution indorsing their work, which was done, and the secretary of the club instructed to draft such a resolution and send a copy to the headquarters of the association.

A communication inviting the club to send two delegates to the state meeting of Commercial clubs to meet April 26 and 27 at Kearney, Nebraska, was read and it was moved by Mr. Falter that the invitation be accepted and that the Plattsmouth club pay its membership fee of \$10 to become a member of the state federation of commercial organizations, which was voted.

Mr. Windham, chairman of the committee on legislation, reported that he had been over to Lincoln and gone over the bills introduced, touching cities of Plattsmouth's class, but found nothing which would give this city a commission form of government, and before he left Lincoln he drafted an amendment to a bill already introduced in the house, and left the amendment in the hands of Representative Metzger, who said he would surely have the amendment introduced, but Mr. Windham had not heard from Lincoln since.

At this point in the proceedings the report of the banquet committee was called for. Mr. Schneider stated that Judge Travis had consented to act as toastmaster and that all other

arrangements had been made to hold the affair in two weeks from this Thursday evening.

Mayor Sattler was present and requested the club to name a committee of five members to meet jointly with a like committee already appointed by the mayor, to devise some method whereby the question pertaining to the water franchise, which expires next year, should be satisfactorily adjusted for the best interests of the taxpayers and water consumers of the city.

The committee already appointed by Mayor Sattler was the standing water committee, composed of Councilmen Neuman, Dovey and Shea, to which had been added the names of Councilmen Dwyer and Weber.

A motion was made by Mr. Schneider that such committee be appointed, which was voted. Mr. Falter then got the floor and stated that the president of the club, Mr. Pollock, should be a member of the committee from the club, and on account of his long experience as manager of the water plant, this knowledge would be of very great value to the investigators of the subject, and moved that Mr. Pollock be one of the five appointed from the club. Mr. Falter put the question, which was voted unanimously. President Pollock stated that the question was a very important one and one which would require some research and investigation before the matter could be placed before the public in an intelligible manner, and that he would take some time in selecting the other four members from the Commercial club and would announce their names later.

John Hatt, jr., moved, that the newspapers of the city be voted their membership fee in the club as a donation, in view of the great service performed for the club by the papers of the city. The motion prevailed.

Mr. Chopieska was present and was called on for a few remarks and responded gracefully, stating that within a short time the wheels would be turning at the new factory; that the cupola had arrived and would shortly be in place, and inside of a few days the plant would be running. He also stated that the outlook for business was good and he was pleased with prospects of future business.

Mr. Falter then got the floor and stated that there was a business concern in the city which would operate a limestone quarry near the bridge, and that he thought if proper steps were taken and the Commercial club would encourage the project, that the Burlington railroad company could be induced to place a sidetrack to the quarry. It was decided to have the executive committee of the club take the matter up and ascertain if the project would meet with favorable action on the part of the railway company. If the project is worked out there would be employment for about 100 men for years to come. The stone is said to be of the best quality.

The question of repairing the east exit of the subway so that vehicles can pass through was taken up and left in the hands of Mayor Sattler to jog the memory of the streets, alleys and bridge committee concerning it.

There were many other matters of minor importance discussed. There was a good attendance and the best of feeling prevailed, and the results of the session will no doubt be of benefit to the city.

Administrator Sells Farm.

Monday afternoon at the Bank of Union, in this village, Frank P. Sheldon, administrator of the estate of Leroy Applegate, sold at public auction one of the 160-acre farms about two miles southwest of town. The farm sold is the southeast quarter of section 28, and the purchaser was Robert Willis, whose bid was \$10,400, or \$65 per acre. Other bids were made, but Mr. Willis was the last and highest bidder. This leaves yet 400 acres belonging to the widow and children, and it will not be sold unless the heirs conclude to dispose of some of it at private sale.—Union Ledger.

MUSIC CABINET OF ST. LUKE'S CHOIR

A Contrivance Complete in Every Particular, an Ornament to Church, and The Pride of the Musical Director.

From Friday's Daily.

The writer has had the privilege of a "private view" of the music cabinet and lockers which the persistent effort and energy of Director H. S. Austin has secured for St. Luke's choir. The music cabinet, Prof. Austin's special pride, is very complete and contains seventy-six compartments. Each compartment will hold fifty pieces of music, or two complete numbers of twenty-five copies each. The compartments are numbered and the music indexed to correspond with these numbers. This enables Prof. Austin to lay his hand on any selection wanted without delay. The cabinet is a handsome piece of furniture, being finished in dark oak framing and oak-green paneling.

The lockers, of which there is a series of twelve, are sufficiently commodious to accommodate the vestments of twenty-four, and, while the vestments are in use, will hold the wraps and hats of the singers. Like the music cabinet, the lockers are dustproof, insuring the same preservation for the vestments that is afforded the music. Cabinet and lockers are finished in uniformity, dark oak framing and oak-green paneling, an artistic combination that must be seen to be appreciated. These handsome pieces of furniture were designed by Prof. Austin and have been put together and finished by him, with the aid of some of the gentlemen of the choir. The money necessary for their construction was raised by the choir with their production of "A Clergyman's Courtship," given under the direction of Prof. Austin.

In the matter of care for vestments and music, St. Luke's choir is now equipped in a manner second to none, and while Prof. Austin is pleased with the results attained, he is more pleased with the enthusiasm shown by the individual members of the choir in the choir organization, as evidenced by the regular attendance at all rehearsals and services. St. Luke's choir has a large collection of music, which is constantly being added to, of a class that is seldom attempted outside the larger cities.

One of the leading musicians and choir directors of Omaha said: "St. Luke's choir of Plattsmouth is singing a more difficult grade of music than we are, and singing it well." It takes patience, tact, perseverance and ability to teach such music, and, for the results achieved by St. Luke's choir, Director Austin deserves great credit.

PLATTSMOUTH MAN IS BEATEN UP BY GIRL

From Thursday's Daily.

The following appeared in the Omaha News of last evening as a special from St. Joseph, Missouri, under date of February 22:

"William Speck of Plattsmouth, Neb., ventured a coy flirtation with an unknown pretty girl here Monday night, but did not figure that she might have been the clamp lady pugilist of the mid-west.

"Speck admitted to the police, after it was all over, that he had been indiscreet. His arrest by an officer was more in the nature of a rescue, because the girl was sending such sturdy uppercuts and left hooks to his jaw and nose that he felt dazed and looked silly.

"The girl wouldn't appear to prosecute him in police court yesterday, but he pleaded guilty and was fined \$10, anyway."

A FINE SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT

The Ladies' Aid Society and the Social Workers Enjoy Combined Meeting at the Methodist Church.

From Friday's Daily.

The Ladies' Aid Society and the Social Workers of the M. E. church held their first combined social meeting in the new rooms just completed in the basement of the church yesterday afternoon. A splendid program, composed of music, instrumental and vocal, interspersed with readings, had been arranged for the occasion, after which refreshments were served, consisting of sandwiches, scalloped potatoes, pickles, coffee and cake. Each person in attendance was presented with a miniature hatchet, indicative of the season.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. John Kuhney, president of the Ladies' Aid society, during the preliminary and first part of the program. The proceedings were opened by all joining in the singing of the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," which was followed by an invocation on the part of the pastor, Rev. W. L. Austin, after which the president called on Rev. Austin for a short talk, which was given, and during which Rev. Austin took occasion to sum up the results of the combined labors of the two societies.

He spoke words of warmest commendation for the harmonious way in which the work had been accomplished, and gave a detailed statement of the money expended, the amount in the aggregate exceeding \$300. The bills for material and labor and the expense of wiring the rooms for electricity, placing about a dozen drop lights in the rooms, had all been settled for. The Y. M. B. C. had donated the paint and oil and labor to put them on the floor and woodwork.

At the close of the report Mrs. Kuhney turned the gavel over to Mrs. J. M. Leyda, president of the Social Workers, who announced the persons taking part on the program as their numbers were recalled.

Instrumental solos were rendered by Miss Virgie McDaniel and Mr. Waldemar Soennichsen. Readings were given by Misses Maud Kuhney and Marie Robertson. Treos were sung by Mesdames Hayes, Wescott and Johnson and Mesdames Wescott, Hayes and Miss Farris York.

There was a large attendance and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent by all who were so fortunate as to be present.

HOW THE CITY OF LINCOLN WAS NAMED

The facts may not be generally known, but as Albert Watkins has dug them up in the course of his historical studies, it appears that Lincoln owes her name to a gentleman from Omaha, says the Lincoln News. The bill as it was originally drawn providing for the location of the capital at Lincoln referred to Lincoln as the Capital City, which would have been rather fierce as a name.

In those days the fiercest rivalry reigned between the delegation from Omaha and that from Nebraska City, the two largest in the territorial legislature, and the Omahans fought desperately the effort of the Otoe county people to take the capital away from them. As a last resort, when the bill was on third reading, Patrick of Douglas moved to amend by substituting the name "Lincoln" for Capital City. He did this in the hope that as several of the Otoe county members were known by their sneering cognomen of copperheads and Lincoln-haters, they would rather vote against the bill than permit the capital of the state to bear the "black republican's" name. He guessed wrong; the hate of Nebraska City against Omaha was the strongest and the amendment was adopted and the bill passed.

Will Kitzell of Alvo, in company with Glen Vallery, was a caller at the Journal office this morning for the purpose of renewing his faith in the Old Reliable another year. Mr. Kitzell has been visiting relatives south of town for several days, and we were pleased to meet him. He lives a mile south of Alvo and is a prosperous tiller of the soil and a fine young man.

To Regulate the Press.

Representative Galt of Clay county broke out again the other day in the legislature with his effort to regulate the press of the state. He has a bill now which prohibits a newspaper from publishing any advertising with reference to a political candidate which is at all uncomplimentary to that candidate, unless full particulars as where it came from are printed along with the advertisement. He wants also to regulate the mails and proposes that all campaign material handled through Uncle Sam's post-offices must show the source from which the material came.

CASE COMES UP BEFORE JUDGE ARCHER MONDAY

From Friday's Daily.

A complaint was filed before Justice of the Peace M. Archer this morning charging Edward Rynott, the druggist, with the unlawful sale of intoxicating liquor. The document is quite explicit in dates and names of persons who, it is alleged, purchased the liquor, and is set forth in four counts. The first count charges the unlawful sale of whisky on the 12th day of February to one James Butler; the second count charges such sales having been made on the 11th day of February, 1911, to Samuel Billings; the third count names both Samuel Billings and James Butler as having acquired from the accused whisky on the 13th day of February, and the fourth count alleges, in substance, that Ward Barr purchased whisky on the 12th day of February, 1911, from Mr. Rynott. A warrant was issued and placed in the hands of Constable J. R. Denson, who served the same upon the defendant.

Mr. Rynott immediately appeared before Judge Archer and entered into a recognizance in the sum of \$200 for his appearance before Judge Archer next Monday morning, and took a continuance until that time.

The hearing will be in the nature of a preliminary examination, and if the court finds the evidence sufficient to warrant the belief that there is probable cause to believe that chapter 59 of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska has been violated, it will become his duty to take a bond for the defendant's appearance at the next term of the district court, where the matter will be tried out.

MORE GOOD CITIZENS LEAVE CASS COUNTY

This week Cass county lost some more of her good citizens who have rented or purchased farms in other localities. Tuesday night Jesse Dyars and Sant Gifford finished loading their cars and departed for the farms which they purchased near West Plains, in the southern part of Missouri. The two men went with the cars their families to follow a few days later. Wednesday morning William Pickering and Will Niday commenced loading their car for shipment to Coleridge, Neb., near which place they will till the soil on good farms.

Cass county has been losing some splendid citizens the past few weeks, but of course others have come in to take their places, so that we do not lose in population, but those who have lived here in the past and are now going away have many friends who regret their departure and wish them success in their new locations. They have "made good" here, but think they see better prospects elsewhere, and we trust they may not be disappointed, yet we will welcome them back to this neighborhood any time they see fit to return.—Union Ledger.

Burned With Hot Metal.

August Sitzman, a Burlington employe at the brass foundry, had the misfortune this morning, while working at the foundry, to get a quantity of molten brass in his shoe, the result being a badly burned foot. The injured man was hurried to the office of the Drs. Livingston, where the foot was dressed. August will be off duty for some days, as the injury is quite painful and will require some time to heal.

Mr. Adam Melsinger and wife of Cedar Creek came down on No. 4 this morning and looked after business matters in the city for a few hours.

BOILERMAKERS STRIKE ENDED

At a Conference of the Local Unions at Lincoln, February 13, This Was Decided.

The boilermakers strike on the Burlington system ended at 3 p. m. yesterday. At that hour President J. W. Jones of the Burlington district of the union, issued a statement ending the strike and permitting the men to go back to work.

Last night Mr. Jones said: "Through the efforts of a disinterested party the strike has been ended. We held a conference of local unions at Lincoln on February 13, and at that time I was given power to call off the strike if I thought it advisable. After this conference with a disinterested party I have taken action ending the strike. Messages were sent to other shops today. A little later on I can say more about the settlement of this strike."

It was said at Havelock that until further information was given out it would not be known whether strikers still out would be allowed to go back to work for the Burlington.

Burlington officials said that the first notice that the strike had been ended came from business men of Havelock, but they understood messages had been sent to outlying shops. They declared no conference had been held recently with the strikers and that no recent effort had been made to get the men back to work. About a week ago a dozen strikers had asked for employment at the Havelock shops. Six of these men have been employed. The following statement was made for the railroad:

"The company has not been aggressive in this matter. As rapidly as good men can be given places they will be employed, regardless of the strike. That has been the policy from the beginning and it will probably hold good to the end."

The strike has been in progress four months or more. The dispute originated over the piece work scale, and the demand of the union for a new schedule.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH ENTERTAINED YESTERDAY

From Thursday's Daily.

A most enjoyable meeting was the one held at the pretty home of the Gerings yesterday afternoon by the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Luke's church, there being a large number of ladies in attendance.

Various amusements, such as social conversation, plying the busy needle and games, were participated in by the ladies for a time, which were thoroughly enjoyed, after which they listened to a very pleasing program, consisting of very interesting papers given by Mesdames George Dodge, J. H. Thrasher, A. L. Tidd, Will Clement, Misses Dora Fricke and Alice Eaton. These papers were on the subject of Porto Rico and their government and the work that is being done there by the Episcopal church, and greatly assisted in making the afternoon's entertainment such a splendid one.

At the proper time a dainty luncheon was provided, to which all did ample justice, and at the close of the beautiful winter's day the ladies dispersed, indebted to the hostesses for the delightful afternoon.

May Change Their Views.

Poor old dry Lincoln, the pious town of the state is going to be quieter than ever, after the legislature has adjourned, because the postal employes up there have demanded that the postoffice be closed on Sunday. It will not be long before the preachers will form a combine and want Sunday as a day of rest. Lincoln is certainly getting to be quite a pious old town. It might be remarked that many of her property holders are beginning to realize the fact that the Journal and the News have got them into a pretty mess by their pious preachings and they are demanding a change of sentiment. Just wait and watch and then those pious sheets will change their views.—Nebraska City News.

Mrs. W. A. Schutz spent the day in Omaha, departing for the metropolis on the morning train.

DEATH OF NIECE OF MRS. F. H. GUTHMAN

From Thursday's Daily.

Mr. F. R. Guthman received a message from Mrs. Guthman, who has been at Bennett for two weeks at the bedside of her niece, Mrs. William Lempke, informing him of the death of that lady at her home Tuesday evening, February 21, after an illness of two weeks with pneumonia and la grippe. Mrs. Lempke was a niece of Mrs. Guthman and Mrs. Joseph Fetzer of this city and has often visited in Plattsmouth and was

quite well known to many of our people, who will be sincerely sorry to learn of her death. Besides a father and brothers and sister, the deceased leaves a husband and three small children to mourn her death. The funeral will take place Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Theresa cathedral at Lincoln.

Special Notice.

There will be a special meeting of the Cass County Farmers' Protective Association at Louisville on Saturday, March 4th, at 1:30 p. m. All persons interested in the association are requested to be present.

J. G. Melsinger, Secretary.