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ST. PATRICK'S PARTY SATURDAY

Numerous Out of Town Guests Participate in the Event.

The pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones was the scene of a more than delightful St. Patrick's party Saturday evening, which was given in honor of their daughter, Miss Ethel, and which was in the nature of a masquerade. Those who participated in the most enjoyable social function report one of those good times which will not be forgotten very soon. The evening was whiled away in a most happy way, as the merry company indulged in games and music. Miss Esther Royle gave a number of guitar selections, Mr. Harry White rendered some very pretty violin selections and Misses Etta Hyde and Ethel Jones contributed some piano selections which were rendered in a very charming manner.

In deference to the season the young ladies were gowned in gay Irish green costumes and the rooms of the Jones' home were appropriately decorated in shades suitable for the occasion.

A delicious luncheon was served, covering being spread for the following: Misses Esther and Florence Royle of Glenwood, Ia.; Lydia Hobson, Eva Ward, Edith Miller, Agnes Schwartz, and Emma Kalinka of Glenwood, Ia.; Etta Hyde, Minnie Jones, Ethel Jones; Messrs. James and Sandy Andrews, Bert Lamphear, Harry Kendall of Missouri Valley, Ia.; Harry White, Will Ofe, Frank Cook; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hunter of Omaha, Mrs. Sarah Cowles of Hamburg, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Andrews.

It was a late hour when the guests dispersed, indebted to the hostess for the splendid good time.

THIRTEEN IN A PARTY WHO ARE BOUND FOR TEXAS

From Tuesday's Daily.
W. E. Rosencrans left the Burlington station this morning on No. 4 for Kansas City with a "Ho for Texas" bunch of land-seekers. The destination of the company is Fairfurnas, Texas, near where Mr. Rosencrans is interested in a large body of fertile land, which he expects to sell to this and other parties which he will escort to the sunny south before the season ends.

There were just thirteen in the company, but this did not in the least dampen their ardor or detract from their high spirits. It was a jolly crowd of men and women which boarded the train, all entrusting their tickets to Mr. Rosencrans, who acted as chaperon. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McDaniel and daughter, Miss Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter, Mr. John Albert, Mr. Fred Kaufman, Mr. F. G. Fricke and Mr. August Roseller.

Before boarding the train Mr. J. E. McDaniel said: "It is Texas or bust." He then made arrangements with County Treasurer Schalter that if the party should "go busted" he could wire up to Plattsmouth and arrangements could quickly be made to bring them home to old Cass.

FIRST TENNIS CLUB OF THE SEASON ORGANIZED

There was a meeting of the lovers of outdoor sports last evening at the office of J. P. Falter, and a tennis club was organized, with Edwin Fricke as secretary and treasurer. It was decided to have the court on the old site of the "brick and terra cotta" plant. The ground will be leveled and a first-class court made there. One wishing to join in the sport should see Edwin Fricke as to admission fee. The site is an ideal one and when the heat of summer comes the court will be shaded in the afternoon by the trees on the high banks south and west of the court. Tennis is one of the most healthy sports going and those joining in the pastime will have their muscles in good condition at all times.

Mr. T. T. Wilkinson, who has been off duty at the shops for some weeks, went to Omaha on the morning train especially to view the city and note the improvements since he last visited the metropolis.

Moves in From the Farm.

Mrs. John West, who has been moving into Plattsmouth this week from her late farm home near Nehawka, is getting very comfortably settled in the new home in one of the Peterson brick cottages on Fourth street. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Puls, her sons, Joe and Johnny West, and daughter, Miss Mary, were assisting her in the moving, and Miss Mary will make her home with her mother. Ray Ronne, a young farmer from near Weeping Water has rented the farm from Mrs. West and has already moved thereto.

WORK PROGRESSING ON THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING

The brick for the finishing course on the new postoffice arrived yesterday, or a few cars of them, and Mr. G. R. Pelton himself began laying up the corners, commencing at the northeast corner of the structure. The brick are of a beautiful red, sand mold, and will contrast beautifully with the granite trimmings.

Some of the iron stringers for the floor have been laid, and the iron to go into the building is being painted ready for the builders' use soon. The building will progress rapidly from this time on, as all of the slow work of raising the heavy blocks of granite is now completed.

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PETITION TO STRAIGHTEN JOG IN "O" STREET ROAD

From Tuesday's Daily.
Attorney Charles L. Graves of Union was in the city today on an important mission before the county board. He had in his possession and filed with the board a petition containing 58 signatures of the leading citizens in the village of Union and vicinity, praying the board to straighten a kink in the "O" street road west of Union. At the Weeping Water river, which flows hard by the village of Union and from which she gets her water supply for M. P. engines and other purposes, there is a jog in the road leading to Lincoln. It is only a few rods, but since swift-going autos are coming into general use a straight course is desirable, as it greatly lessens liability to accidents. This jog is the only one in the "O" street road between the Missouri river and Lincoln, and it is to be hoped that the commissioners will take on the good roads spirit which is getting possession of so many, and take the jog out of this bit of road.

Married in Louisiana.

Word has been received in the city by the friends of Henry Klinger of his marriage at Evangeline, Louisiana, on the 11th inst. The name of the fortunate young lady was not given. Mr. Klinger has a host of friends in this city who will be pleased to know of his marriage. He has been in the employ of Mr. George Schantz in his machine shop at Vinton, Louisiana, for some time, and it is presumed that he and his bride will begin housekeeping there.

Something Should Be Done.

Charles Martin says his neighborhood is agitated over the fact that Attorney Rawls has his garden all planted, and something should be done about making arrangements to protect it from the cold snows yet to come. It is suggested that a wagon-load of burlap be brought out and deposited nearby, to cover the tender garden stuff when the snow comes.

William Della Dermer of Elmwood was in the city this morning looking after legal business at the court house.

DOINGS IN THE LEGISLATURE

The Business of the Session Drawing to a Close, and the Boys are Hustling.

During this, the eleventh week of the legislature, sifting committees have been selected to take charge of the general files and select from the great quantity of introduced bills those of most far-reaching and general importance. Much importance attaches to these committees and much of the record of the session depends upon the good judgment they may use in selecting for consideration the proposed laws.

When the house and senate each approved the report of the conference committees Friday on senate file No. 1, and thereby simultaneously approved of the Skiles' initiative and referendum resolution, the democratic legislature again redeemed another platform pledge. Another was the approval of the national amendment providing for the income tax. The latter bill was introduced by Dolezal of Saunders county and passed each branch several weeks ago.

Among the bills that will come up for serious consideration this week are the measures providing for a non-partisan board of control for state institutions. This is another democratic pledge and will unquestionably meet with public approval. The plan is to place the management of all of the various institutions of the state under the supervision of a board of experts, who will be selected with regard to their fitness rather than their political affiliations. It is suggested that this action would make the office of land commissioner useless. Advocates of the measure are able to show that such a board would save the state annually about \$500,000. Several such bills are before the legislature, but it will require careful thought to select the best one.

The Quackenbush bill, providing for the election of supreme judges by districts is in the hopper ready to be considered at an early hour. The measure contains a provision that is new in that there would be a circuit court of appeals established to relieve the supreme tribunal of some of its great volume of work.

There was consternation in the house and senate Friday when it developed that the Ollis stock yards bill was lacking the enacting clause. Prompt action on the part of the friends of the measure soon remedied the difficulty in the senate and it was returned to the house in correct form and was read for the first time at once. The Taylor stock yards bill has passed both houses and is awaiting the approval of the governor. The essential difference between the acts lies in the fact that the former declares the stock yards to be common carriers, while the latter would have them denominated as public markets. The claim is made, on the one hand, that they are not common carriers, and on the other hand that the railway commission has no jurisdiction over a public market.

The house has been working industriously all the week over the regular appropriation bills. In view of the increase in population at the hospitals and reformatory institutions additions have been necessitated in the budgets. It is the manifest disposition of the legislature to deal generously with the educational institutions and to take good care of the unfortunate wards of the state. Improvements in buildings have been ordered by the house at several of the hospitals and schools.

Here is a quiet tip to sportsmen. Instead of the new game law going into effect July 1, the emergency clause that follows house roll No. 240 makes that measure operative as soon as it shall have been approved by the senate and governor. It provides for a universal license system by its provisions; a license is necessary for every hunter or fisherman who goes outside of his own lands to hunt or fish. Licenses may be procured from any county clerk for \$1 each.

The idea of doing away with the

off-year elections is gaining favor among the solons and it is not a far stretch to predict that an amendment providing for biennial elections will be submitted to the people at the 1912 election.

The matter of apportioning the state into congressional, judicial and legislative districts is a huge task and one that certainly cannot be accomplished to the satisfaction of all concerned. Several bills have been introduced along these lines and the matter will have serious consideration. Politics will be ignored in the final apportionment and regard will be had almost wholly to accessibility and to allied interests.

There is considerable talk about amending the primary election law, but everyone seems to be "up in the air" as to what is the wise thing to do. There are advocates in plenty of the wide open, the closed and the half open plan.

It is fair to assume that the present session will evolve some wise road legislation. More than ordinary care has been given to these matters and there seems to be a unanimity of opinion that the value of good roads to every community cannot be over-estimated.

In these closing days it is apparent that the people will not permit their representatives to maintain an indifferent attitude towards legislation that affects the remotest community. This is apparent in the interest that is being shown along the line of telephone bills that have been introduced.

It is highly probable that this session will require an added appropriation to meet the bills of the session. The regular expenses have been no more, if as much, as formerly, but the Omaha investigation, made at the instigation of Governor Aldrich, will cost into the thousands. The bill for the stenographic reports of the proceedings amounted to nearly \$1,000 alone, and the governor's attorney has asked for a fee of \$1,500. The contract price for the printing of bills has been vastly higher than formerly, a matter over which the legislature had no control.

THE QUESTION OF MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Several Nebraska cities are having tussles with their public service corporations, more particularly their lighting plants. This seems to be inevitable, no matter how well intentioned the persons immediately concerned may be. Sometimes the fault lies in efforts of the company to get out of bad bargains and sometimes because the city officials try to drive sharp bargains. It is very largely because of this irrepressible conflict that so many persons turn to municipal ownership, because it eliminates that friction. Municipal ownership has not yet demonstrated that in every case it is better, financially speaking, than private ownership, but the desire for peace and the knowledge that whatever is made is made by all has given it a popularity that is constantly growing. The bonds issued for the payment of these are not really debts because the people have as an asset the property represented by the loan. In fact, it is an investment and that is why those who can make this distinction do not shy away from public ownership. It took a good many years for England to undertake public ownership on a large scale, and it may be that eventually the same general policy will mark the administration of American cities.—Lincoln News.

In the District Court.

From Tuesday's Daily.
In the district court today the court had a hearing on the cases of Lois Blunt vs. Jesse Blunt and in the case of Nettie Smith vs. Claude I. Smith. In the former case the cause for the relief sought was set out as cruelty, while in the latter the cause was that of desertion. The defendant was not represented in either case and the cases went by default. After hearing the evidence in each case the court handed down a decree in accordance with the prayer in each.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Nolting and daughter, Grace, were Omaha travelers this morning, where they went to again consult the throat specialist relative to their daughter's health.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE GEORGE PAYNE TODAY

From Wednesday's Daily.

The funeral of George Payne occurred this afternoon from the Methodist church and was conducted by Rev. W. L. Austin, pastor of the church. The telegrams sent to the parents of the deceased in Los Angeles did not reach them and it was decided to have the funeral here and inter the body at this place, instead of taking it to California, as intimated might be done in yesterday's Journal.

There was a brief service conducted by Rev. Austin at the residence at 1 o'clock and at 1:30 the service was held at the church. The music consisted of familiar hymns sang by Mrs. R. B. Hayes and Miss Alice Tuey. The floral decorations were very beautiful and attested the high regard in which the deceased was held by those he knew him best.

The pallbearers were members of the Odd Fellows' lodge and were: Ed Lutz, Joe McCarthy, John Lutz, Emil Wurl, H. M. Scennichsen and Phillip Therolf. Interment was made at Oak Hill cemetery.

MR. LATHAM RETURNS FROM TRIP TO ARKANSAS

Mr. P. Latham arrived this morning from a two weeks trip to Arkansas, having left Plattsmouth in company with his sister, Mrs. William McCauley, on March 7. Mr. Latham went with a view of investing in some farm lands if a bargain which suited him should present itself. He had a pleasant visit with our friend, L. L. Ingalls and family, and saw that gentleman planting his crops. Mr. Ingalls is well pleased with the climate and thinks the soil all right and is showing the natives how to farm. Mr. Latham likes the lay of the country there, but thinks he prefers to see it and become better acquainted with conditions there before investing. Conditions are very different there from the north, and the farming class not very progressive.

FELT JUBILANT OVER THE HOG MARKET YESTERDAY

From Wednesday's Daily.
Arthur Smith and George Born returned from South Omaha last evening feeling jubilant over the hog market for the day and the shipment of fat porkers they sent to the market yesterday morning. The market was \$6.55 per hundred, and Mr. Smith came within 5 cents of topping the market. Out of 800 head offered, Mr. Smith had half a carload which beat everything which Wood Brothers sold yesterday. This speaks pretty well for Cass county swine breeders and their methods of feeding. Messrs. Smith and Born are two of the most enterprising young farmers and stock growers in the county, and we are not surprised that they take "AI" stuff to South Omaha.

Services Appreciated.

Accepting the invitation so generously tendered the lodge, the Red Men attended the services at the Methodist church last evening in a body, fifty or sixty strong. We enjoyed the meeting very much—the sermon of Rev. Lewis and the magnificent music furnished by Prof. Sutherland and his choir, and the piano music of Prof. Holmes, the blind man. The services were so highly appreciated by us that we feel not the least hesitancy in saying to our brother lodges: "Go thou, and do likewise." Again we thank Rev. Lewis and Professors Sutherland and Holmes for their very delightful evening's entertainment.

Red Men.

Quick Butter Maker

The Kinser Manufacturing company's traveller was in the city a day or two ago and called on the enterprising firm of John Hatt & Son and demonstrated one of the company's "Cyclone" churns, which made butter in less than three minutes. Messrs. Hatt claim for the churn that it is the fastest, the cleanest, the easiest, most sanitary, simple and durable churn to be had anywhere.

Miss Katie McHugh returned from South Bend on the morning train today, where she visited relatives for a short time.

Glad to See Him.

From Monday's Daily.

Our old friend, J. M. Stone of Nehawka, came up from that village today in company with his son-in-law, D. C. West, the banker. They autoed up in the latter's car. While here Mr. Stone gave the Journal a call and we were awfully glad to meet him and see him looking so well. Mr. Stone has been a friend of the Journal for a good many years.

WE AGREE WITH CHAIRMAN J. C. BYRNES

J. C. Byrnes, chairman of the state democratic committee, is just like we are on the legislature tampering with the bank guarantee law and is decidedly opposed to any such meddling. Mr. Byrnes is not very slow in giving out his opinion.

"When we have a law that has been held up for two years and finally declared valid by the highest courts in our land, why in the world anyone of our party wants to meddle with it before it has had time to be worked out is more than I can understand," said the Columbus man. "I think that the party should at least allow it to run the gauntlet of the next biennium before an effort is made to remedy what some consider defects in its provisions. Personally I am one of those who believe that two years under it would simply demonstrate its excellencies and I assuredly have no fear but that when the next election occurs most of the people who now look upon the law more or less suspiciously will decide it one of the best measures ever enacted and written upon our statute books," asserted Chairman Byrnes.

ENTERTAINS THE TEACHERS OF THE LINCOLN SCHOOL

The teachers of the Lincoln school in South Omaha were entertained by Miss Blanche Robertson at her home in South Omaha last evening in a very charming manner. Miss Robertson is one of the popular young ladies of this city who is engaged in teaching in the kindergarten department of the Lincoln school in that city. For the occasion Miss Robertson had made every effort toward insuring the guests a fine time, and we know they surely did have, as Miss Robertson is a splendid entertainer. Various games and amusements were participated in, the guests entering into the social good time with much interest and enthusiasm. The dainty three-course luncheon provided by the hostess at a convenient hour was not the least appreciated of the many good things the thoughtful hostess provided for the entertainment of her guests. There were nine guests present.

Secures Several Water Fowl.

Mr. Childers, of near Oreapolis, was in the city yesterday and related a goose story that is hard to beat, and it is not a stale story, either, as the incident occurred as he was driving to town. His son was out on the Platte in a boat with his pump gun looking for wild geese. The young man was several hundred yards from the M. P. bridge and was floating down toward a flock of geese which were on the river between him and the bridge, when a train came thundering over the bridge, frightening the geese so much that they lost sight of the man in the boat and flew directly in range of his pump gun, which he at once set in action. Mr. Childers, sr., had left the house some distance when he heard the shots and looked around and saw the birds falling, and his opinion was that his son got five or six of the flock before it got out of range, from the number of fowls he saw tumble into the river.

In the County Court.

In the county court today Judge Beeson heard the proofs on a petition to probate the last will of Emil Maahs and appointed his daughter as executor of the will.

A marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon to August Ruge and Miss Mary Schlapf, both of Murdock, the ceremony to occur next Thursday.

Mrs. Anna L. Dryer of Tabor returned to her home this morning after spending Sunday at the home of J. B. Green in this city. Miss Dulcia Green returned to Tabor with Mrs. Dryer, to continue her studies at the college.