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CHARLES H. KEEFER, FORMER PLATTS- MOUTH BOY, GETTING TO THE FRONT

Returns From Germany With a Musical Prodigy, Whom He Instructed and Managed in Berlin, Until She Became Famous and Then They Return to America and Marry.

A Plattsmouth lady sends us the following clipping from a recent issue of the Los Angeles (Cal.) Times. The article refers to a former citizen of this city. The Charles H. Keefer referred to lived in Plattsmouth while in his teens, and was at that time quite a musician. His father run a harness shop here for several years, and Billy Schmidtman worked for him. Those who remember the boy say he was not much good for anything else but music, and was very persevering in that line. A blind teacher at Wahoo was his principal instructor while here, and it would seem from the following that he needs no instructor now, but has advanced to a point in the musical world where he is one of the "upper tens" in the profession. Two years or more ago he went to Germany, where he created quite a rage and became the manager of the musical prodigy referred to, and the balance can be told in the following article. Before going to Germany, however, two or three years ago, it is said, he was married to an Omaha lady, who was divorced from him while he was in Berlin. His parents still live in Omaha. But here is the balance of the story:

A chance remark dropped yesterday let friends of Olga Steeb, wonder musician, and Charles H. Keefer, her manager, know that the two were secretly married in Omaha on June 16, after making a trip across the Atlantic and half way across the American continent that their marriage might be solemnized with the least possible notoriety.

On June 1 they set sail from Antwerp on the Manitou, accompanied by Miss Steeb's mother, made an uneventful trip to Boston, and then took the train without delay to Omaha. Arriving in the Nebraska city, Keefer immediately told his father, who lives in Omaha, that he was about to marry the sweetest and best little girl in the whole world, and the elder Keefer, greatly pleased, conducted his son, his future daughter-in-law and Mrs. Steeb to a little German Methodist church, where the marriage was performed, a license having hastily been secured.

About ten days ago Mr. and Mrs. Keefer, accompanied by the bride's mother, came to Los Angeles and have been staying at the Steeb home, No. 2645 Garnet street. Nothing was said of the marriage to friends.

Tired of Spot Light.

"We had had so much publicity for the past two years," Keefer explained last night, "that we were tired of being in the spot light. We knew that mention of our marriage would only mean a lot more of the thing we had left

Berlin to escape, so we said nothing about it. If we had been married in Berlin it would have been impossible to keep it secret, as public notices are posted for six weeks and there is all manner of red tape and official investigations."

But the secret was too good to keep. Keefer forgot himself yesterday, and the friends of the couple were treated to a big surprise. Congratulations were showered upon them.

In November, 1909, Miss Steeb, a pupil of Philo Becker of this city, went to Berlin with her mother. At that time the girl was unknown to anyone in Europe. Keefer was a musical critic and instructor, and Miss Steeb happened into his office. He heard her play, pronounced it marvelous, wrote a big story about the little American prodigy, and within ten days his "find" was the talk of musical Europe.

In Berlin, on December 10, 1909, in the Bluthner Saal, Miss Steeb gave her first European concert. Her fame was assured from that premier performance. She became known as a pianiste who followed the method of no master, yet had one all her own that was a combination of the best of all the masters.

Miss Steeb has a repertoire of 1,400 compositions, all of which she plays from memory. She plays more compositions than any other three of the world's greatest pianists.

In March of this year in Berlin Miss Steeb gave a series of nine orchestra concerts in thirteen days, a feat never before attempted. Xavier Scharwenka, one of the greatest composers of the day, declared that Olga Steeb would have been a wonder on the piano if she never had had a lesson. This admission from the great Pole came after Miss Steeb had memorized in eight hours Scharwenka's concerto in F minor. It had taken the composer three months to memorize this work, which is fifty minutes in the playing.

Keefer's claim to fame will not be based solely on the fact that he is the husband and manager of a musical prodigy. About two years ago he discovered a system of harmonizing old church modes, an art that had been lost for 200 years. This achievement brought him into repute in Europe, and he was at once taken into the Stern conservatory in Berlin, where he was a teacher of composition until he left there to come to America with Miss Steeb. As a mark of recognition, a French musical society is planning to bestow a gold medal upon Keefer.

This summer Miss Steeb will tour the coast in concert, and in March of next year will return to Europe. The Keefers expect to make their home in Berlin.

THE LAWN SOCIAL LAST EVENING QUITE A SUCCESS

A Large Attendance and a General Good Time Enjoyed by All Present.

From Friday's Daily.
The lawn social given by the Presbyterian Sunday school last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Roberts was attended by a large company of people, both old and young, as well as the middle-aged members of the school. The lawn was lighted by Japanese lanterns hung over the tables and numerous chairs and settees were placed conveniently about for those who cared to sit. The committee on arrangements and decoration is entitled to much credit for the success, both socially and financially, of the event. Social conversation was the chief amusement, and this diversion was quite sufficient, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the

opportunity to chat with a friend. The Sunday school is indebted to the public for its liberal patronage and also to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts for the privilege of their beautiful lawn, so convenient to the main part of the city. The net cash results will be applied toward the expenses of the Sunday school and will be appreciated by the officers and teachers.

State Candidate From Cass.

The voters will no doubt be somewhat surprised to learn that Cass county has a candidate for the democratic nomination for railway commissioner. Mr. G. S. Upton is the gentleman and he has already filed for the nomination. Mr. Upton is well known and is a prominent farmer near Union. He is abundantly well qualified for the position, and if nominated and elected will fill the bill to perfection. Get up and hustle, Sin.

For a good smoke, tell the man to give you a "Cut Hell."

Death of James M. Bailey.

Sunday forenoon a telegram was received here by Mrs. Nancy McNamee, informing her of the death of her brother, James M. Bailey, at his home near Kearsaw, Neb., and Mrs. McNamee and her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Dysart, departed for there on the Monday morning train to attend the funeral, which was held on Tuesday. We were unable to learn particulars as to Mr. Bailey's illness and death, but it was sad and unexpected news to the relatives here.

James M. Bailey was born March 3, 1855, in Hancock county, Ohio, and came to Nebraska and located in this county in 1868, residing in this vicinity a few years, then moved to Saline county and took a homestead. During his residence here he made many friends who remember him as a straightforward and honorable citizen of value to the community, and his death is a matter of regret to the relatives and acquaintances of the family. He leaves a widow and six children.—Union Ledger.

Married in Omaha.

William McElhiney of Lincoln and Miss Iva Saxon of this village went to Omaha on the Wednesday morning train, and although they did not make a public announcement of their intentions, the reporter learned that a marriage in the metropolis was the result of the visit. We are informed that they will make their home in Lincoln.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Saxon of this village, and is well known, as all her life has been spent here, where she was educated in the public schools. She has always been popular among her large circle of friends. The groom is an employe of the B. & M. railroad and has resided in Lincoln for some time. He has the reputation of being a model young man and a trusted employe of the company. The many friends in Union extend congratulations and wish them happiness and prosperity.—Union Ledger.

Accident at Nebraska City.

From Friday's Daily.
An unusual accident occurred at Nebraska City yesterday, the particulars of which are as follows: Carl Riggs of Florence, Kansas, was at the Duff garage repairing his machine and placed it over the pit so as to get at the under gear. The day being warm he set an electric fan in the bottom of the pit to keep him cool and blow out the gasoline fumes. A spark from the fan ignited the fumes and there was an explosion, burning Mr. Riggs badly about the arms and face before he could get out of the pit. The explosion threw Thomas Carmody and John Wilks, two men who were assisting him, to the side of the building, burning them slightly and injuring them. The other employes about the garage extinguished the flames by the use of chemicals which they keep on hand.

In Police Court.

From Friday's Daily.
Judge Archer's court had a small grist this morning, resulting in a fine of \$5 and costs to one and \$10 and costs to another victim of the law's oppression. The man drawing the first and lesser sum was Charles Elbert, and the other's name had almost escaped the judge's mind, but it seemed to him that his name was Ames, that he had seen the man before not so very long ago. Both men were accused of being just plain drunk, with none of the usual frills. There was a provision attached to the sentence of each, which to a tender-hearted man will seem cruel and unreasonable, and that was that the chief was instructed to see that both were to work out the fine and costs on the street.

Receives New Thresher.

E Manspeker received a J. I. Case thresher and unloaded the same at the Burlington station this morning. The machine was sold to a farmer in the vicinity of Murray and will soon be started up to thresh a part of the enormous wheat crop in that neighborhood.

Precinct primaries Friday July 21. Be sure and attend.

KANSAS CITY YOUTHS GET THEMSELVES IN TROUBLE

Come to Plattsmouth and Takes Horse From Barn to LaPlatte and Attempts to Sell Same.

From Friday's Daily.

Quite a little buzz of excitement was caused on the streets last evening when Sheriff Quinton and Deputy Manspeker brought in from LaPlatte and lodged in jail two young fellows who were accused of appropriating the driving horse of V. V. Leonard. One of the youngsters gave the name of Herbert Leonard, son of Carl Leonard of Kansas City, and the other called himself Curtis and hailed from the same city.

The youths arrived from Kansas City yesterday, and going to the barn of Mr. Leonard, without consulting him, took the animal out and made their way to Oreapolis, where they walked the nag across one of the railway bridges and reached LaPlatte, where they were about to dispose of the nag for \$75. They were first offered \$40 cash for it, but refused this sum, saying that they would take \$75. The proposed purchaser went to the telephone and called up the sheriff's office here to ascertain whether the boys were the real owners and could confer title.

The facts were communicated to the would-be purchaser and he was instructed to hold horse and young men until the sheriff could arrive. Deputy Sheriff Manspeker went up on the first train and found the horse of Mr. Leonard and arrested the young men. Sheriff Quinton was communicated with and he drove up to Oreapolis last evening and the agent at Oreapolis went over after Mr. Manspeker and his prisoners with the electric railroad bicycle and brought them across and the sheriff and deputy did the rest.

This morning when confronted by the owner of the horse and the lawyers, the boys maintained that they did not intend to sell the animal, but would have brought it back to the Leonard barn in a few hours. But the fact remains that they refused the \$40 and entertained one of \$75, and the young men may find the scrape in which they are placed more difficult to get out of than at first thought.

Harry Beal saw two youngsters sitting in the alley near the Leonard home about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and afterwards saw them taking the horse down the Fifth street hill toward town. Later Con Gillispie, the section foreman for the Burlington, saw the boys with the horse, one leading it with a rope and the other behind driving it along the Burlington track near Oreapolis. He asked them where they were going and ordered them off the track with the horse. The boys replied that they were going to the river to bathe. They then went on north, and before the Burlington employes were aware of it they were on the bridge, and crossed the river but a few minutes before the Schuyler train came across. A bad wreck would probably have been the result had the boys been on the bridge a few minutes later.

Lig Brown in Town.

From Friday's Daily.
Lig Brown, ex-mayor of Kanosha, was in the city today and dropped in at the Journal office. Since Lig retired from the chief magistracy of the village the city has had all sorts of trouble with their water works. Next year the franchise will expire and he greatly fears the voters will turn down a new franchise and then the town will be without fire protection. It would be different if Lig was still mayor.

Small Cyclone at River.

Solomon Rowe was a Tribune caller Saturday. He lives at the edge of the Missouri river near the Plattsmouth bridge, and says that on Wednesday afternoon of last week a diminutive cyclone took a dip at the Big Muddy. Quite a chunk of water was picked up by the twisting winds and carried a considerable distance down the stream before being released.—Glenwood Tribune.

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Enjoy a Pleasant Afternoon.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ofe, their little son, Carl, entertained a few of his friends in honor of his sixth birthday anniversary. Various games were indulged in and at an appropriate hour light refreshments were served. Master Carl received many beautiful and useful presents. The little guests departed at sundown and voted Master Carl a royal entertainer. Those present to enjoy the pleasant occasion were: Carl and Henry Ofe, Henry, Ella and Harold Hyde, Augusta, Edith and Hilda Wallengren, Harold Fitt, Ida, Mable, Helen, Edith and Jack Ledgway, Glen Jones and Roy Olson.

Prize Fight on Island.

We learn that there was a fast prize fight to a finish Sunday of last week on an island in the Missouri river below Plattsmouth. One of the fighters was from Omaha and the other from Chicago. About 200 people witnessed the affair, many of them coming on an excursion boat from Omaha. The affair was evidently kept quiet, so that officers of the law could not stop it.—Glenwood Tribune.

This is somewhat like going away from home to get the news, "if there was anything to it," but there ain't. Don't you believe that a fight could take place so near Plattsmouth and the sports not "catch on." Oh, no!

Black Beetle Arrives.

Phil Harrison brought to the Journal office this morning some specimens of beetle which he says is new to him and which swept down on his garden yesterday afternoon in large numbers, and with appetites which would not be appeased. These insects in a short time destroyed a fine clamatas vine which was growing in his garden, and have attacked his Spanish morning glories. It is rumored that the same bug has alighted on the island and are eating up everything in sight," Phil says.

Wreck at Nehawka.

A special from Nehawka under date of July 13 says: A wreck here in the Missouri Pacific yards this afternoon tore up about 100 feet of track and dished an engine, tender and two cars of stone ballast. The engine was backing down a steep grade from the quarry with two cars of ballast when spreading rails let them off the track. One rail was forced up through one of the cars and stuck up twenty feet in the air. A brakeman riding the ballast car narrowly escaped the protruding rail. The trainmen all jumped and nobody was injured.

Left for Red Cloud.

Mrs. W. L. Austin departed this morning for Red Cloud, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Cramer, for a time, and then go to Wilber to visit friends for a few days, after which she will leave Wilber for Lincoln to attend the Epworth assembly for a week. Rev. Austin accompanied his wife as far as Omaha, where he will visit Manawa and take in a ball game, returning with the Westcott crowd tonight. Later Mr. Austin will join his wife at the Epworth assembly.

In County Court.

C. E. Teft and wife and children, Ralph and Esther, accompanied by Mrs. Teft's sister, Miss Esther Sheldon, arrived in Plattsmouth this morning and Mr. Teft presented the testimony on the probate of the will of William S. Polhemus in the county court. The deposition of David Ross of Munch Chunk, Pennsylvania, was read, Mr. Ross being one of the attesting witnesses.

Steinhart Appointed.

Some time since John W. Steinhart was appointed postmaster at Nebraska City, and this appointment was held up for some cause or other and the present postmaster continued. The news from Washington is that the president has sent Mr. Steinhart's nomination to the senate, where there is no doubt of its confirmation. Good for John.

Don't fail to attend the democratic precinct primaries Friday, July 21, at 8 p. m.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION POSTPONED

Delegates Present Deem It Best to Postpone Convention to Saturday, July 22.

Owing to the fact that the time was so short and the democrats not generally receiving notice of the date, it has been deemed best to postpone the convention until next Saturday, July 22. There was quite a number of delegates present, but not over half the precincts were represented, and it is by the unanimous vote of those in attendance that an adjournment be taken to next Saturday. It is very necessary that every precinct be represented with as full a delegation as possible, as, besides selecting delegates to the Fremont convention, a county committee is to be selected. Come prepared to recommend some good man from your precinct to serve on said committee. Remember the date—Saturday, July 22, at 2 p. m.

HEAVILY FINED FOR SELLING ROTTEN EGGS

Stale Egg Dealers Get "Fixins" Put Them in the Proper Shape.

Here is another warning to those who sell stale eggs, and it is well to heed it: Under the penalties provided by the last legislature, the selling of rotten eggs has a mighty pernicious effect on the seller's pocketbook. The pure food commission has received word that G. W. Shaffer & sons and Frease & Hall of Beaver City have both been fined \$50 and costs for selling rotten eggs.

Under the old law the fine was from \$10 to \$500. In order to make the law effective when big creamery companies were caught in its coils, the minimum fine was increased to \$50. This amendment increased the cost to the Beaver City defendants.

A fear is expressed that the fine is so large that some judges would not convict an offender. However, the law reads plainly, and with the two Beaver City dealers fined \$50 each, the measure is expected to have a sound moral effect on egg dealers.

Quick Trip From Murray.

From Saturday's Daily.
James Holmes made the dust fly this morning between Murray and Plattsmouth, having but 20 minutes to catch No. 15 for Omaha. The reason for the haste was Mr. Mattie of that vicinity had broken a part of his thrasher and wanted to go to Omaha on No. 15 to get the repairs. Jim had not breakfasted, nor did he until he reached Plattsmouth. He ran his car out, Mr. Mattie jumped in, and within 18 minutes, and just as the train whistled for the station, Mr. Holmes drew up at the curb and Mr. Mattie had ample time to procure his ticket.

Dissolve Partnership.

The following appears in a special from Wymore, under date of July 14: "Atwood & Newell have dissolved partnership in the stone-crushing business. S. H. Atwood retains the Wymore crusher, and the plant is closed, pending settlement of arrangements. William Stewart, who has had charge of the local plant for several years, will take charge of Mr. Newell's stone-crusher at St. Joseph, and has gone to that city. His family will follow him in a few days."

Filed for Nomination.

From Friday's Daily.
Sheriff Carrol D. Quinton filed for the nomination on the republican ticket for the office of sheriff this morning, to be voted upon at the August 15th primary, for the fourth term.

Attend your primaries to select delegates to the democratic county convention, Saturday, July 22.