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## THE NEW YEAR'S BALL UNDER AUSPICES OF F. M. R. CLUB GRAND SUCCESS

The Hall Beautifully Decorated, Many of the Youth and Beauty of the City Being in Attendance, Besides a Number of Out-of-Town Guests Were Present.

The New Year's ball given by the F. M. R. club at Coates' hall Monday was a brilliant social success, the ball room being crowded by the youth and beauty of the city and the gallery thronged with spectators. The financial aspect of the ball was not up to the social side of the function, but the club has the pleasing sensation of having presented the finest program of the winter.

The ball room was a beauty, decorated with red, white and green colors. A canopy of the colors in fringed paper extended from one side of the galleries to the other, with Christmas bells suspended from the intersections, making one of the prettiest decorations ever swung out in the hall.

The grand march was led by Bruce Rosencrans and Miss Marie Donnelly, who handed the neat program containing nineteen dances and ornamented with the initials of the club and red berries and holly, the foliage of the season. The music was given by the M. W. A. orchestra of four pieces, with the following finished musicians taking part: Roy Holly,

violinist; Ed Schulhof, cornetist; Tom Janda, traps, and Miss Marie Fitzgerald, pianist.

Fruit punch was served throughout the evening in the ball room and a two-course lunch, consisting of sandwiches, pickles and coffee and brick ice cream and cake, were served in the dining room by Misses Lillian Dwyer and Emma Cummins.

The out-of-town guests were: Jack Patterson and Derwood Lind of Union, Walter Ravdinsky of Nebraska City and Frank Perkins and his sister, Miss Marcia, of Fremont, the last two being guests of the H. N. Dovey home.

Everyone fortunate enough to hold an invitation to the New Year's ball and who availed themselves of the privilege of being present, pronounce the dance one of the best of the winter. The promoters of the pleasant function are three young business men of the city and their energy and effort in the direction of presenting a first-class ball is always crowned with success. Messrs. Falter, Morgan and Rawls leave nothing undone which in any manner adds to the comfort and pleasure of the invited guests.

### Return From Blue Hill.

Lee Cotner and wife and children returned from Blue Hill Saturday evening, having visited Mr. Cotner's parents for a week. While there Mr. Cotner enjoyed a fine hunt and secured some fine specimens of jack rabbits. The weather was fierce, one of the bad western Nebraska blizzards raging for some time, and the thermometer registered 9 below zero.

### DEATH OF AN OLD AND RESPECTED CITIZEN

Edward Stokes, Aged 80 Years, Passes Away at an Early Hour This Morning.

From Tuesday's Daily. Edward Stokes, an aged citizen of Plattsmouth, died at the residence of his son, Albert, this morning at an early hour.

Mr. Stokes was born in North Carolina eighty years ago the 10th of last December. He grew to manhood in his native state, where he was married to Miss Elizabeth Davis. After his marriage a few years Mr. and Mrs. Stokes emigrated to Indiana and about twenty-eight years ago moved to this county and settled on a farm a few miles south of Plattsmouth. After moving to Nebraska Mrs. Stokes survived about seven years, dying about twenty-one years ago.

Mr. Stokes leaves surviving him six children, four sons and two daughters. His sons are Ed Stokes of Plainview, Neb.; Will Stokes of Calgary, Canada; Albert Stokes and Tom Stokes of this city; the daughters are Mrs. Alice Creamer and Mrs. Laura Johnson of Murray. Definite funeral arrangements have not yet been made, but it is thought that the funeral will occur Thursday.

### Goes to Plattsmouth State Bank.

Carl G. Fricke, who has been connected with the First National bank of this city for the past seventeen years, and assistant cashier of this institution for a number of years, has severed his connection with the First National and accepted the position of assistant cashier of the Plattsmouth State bank. Mr. Fricke was tendered the deputy county treasurer's position, but after duly considering all phases of the work decided to accept the position with the State bank. This banking institution is fortunate in securing a careful, painstaking accountant, a good business man and a gentleman who speaks German fluently and has hosts of friends who are proud of his business career.

### Right Arm Badly Sprained.

From Tuesday's Daily. J. T. Lambert arrived from Omaha today and will visit Mrs. Mary Smith, his sister, at Rock Bluff for a few days. Mr. Lambert is employed by the Union Pacific and had the misfortune a few days ago to sprain his right arm and shoulder in such a manner as to cause him several days' lay-off. His arm is carried in a sling and he is unable to use it. The accident occurred while Mr. Lambert was in the act of unloading a telephone machine, weighing 500 pounds. The machine was thrown against him, catching his arm between the freight car door and the machine. The injury was quite serious, but might have been worse.

### Terms of District Court for 1912.

Judge Travis has announced the dates for holding court in this district for 1912 as follows: Sarpy county, February 26 and September 23. Cass county, May 27 and November 25. Otoe county, April 15 and October 21.

The terms are all jury terms, and instead of holding three terms in Otoe and Cass, as has been the custom in the past, the terms have been cut down to two in each of the three counties now comprising the district. Sarpy county being added to this district by the late legislature, makes the work more arduous than ever for the presiding judge.

Try a sack of Forest Rose Flour the next time you need flour. Ask your dealer what he thinks of it.

## GO AWAY FROM HOME TO GET THE NEWS

Mike Tritsch Appointed Deputy County Treasurer, Unsolicited by That Gentleman.

The following from the Louisville Courier is like going away from home to get the news, but the Journal will have to acknowledge that this item we should have had several days ago, which information was promised just as soon as the appointment was made. So it is really no fault of the Journal:

County Treasurer-elect Kelly Fox has appointed Mike Tritsch of this city as his deputy. Louisville people will regret to lose Mr. Tritsch, as he is an excellent citizen and for a number of years has held responsible positions in our town. He is the present village clerk, is clerk of the local Woodman camp and secretary of the Odd Fellows' lodge. While all regret to lose him from our town, yet we feel a degree of pride in having this unsolicited honor conferred upon one of our citizens. Treasurer Fox made no mistake when he appointed Mike Tritsch as his deputy, as there are few men better qualified in Cass county for the position than Mike Tritsch.

Mrs. Tritsch and the children will not leave us until after the closing of the spring term of school.

### Fire Record Starts Early.

The fire record in Plattsmouth started in with the first day of the new year, when fire broke out at the home of Heston Green, located at the south end of Sixth street. The fire alarm brought out the fire company and within five minutes after the alarm sounded the central hose cart was on the ground ready for business. The flames were burning out at the top of the roof, but a stream of water soon had the fire under subjection.

Mr. Green is at a loss to tell just how the fire started. A few minutes before he noticed the blaze he had been thawing out a water pipe extending from his cistern to the house. It is supposed that this is the way the fire started, although Mr. Green says it did not originate in that way, as he was careful not to allow the blaze from his fire to approach the wood.

The indications are that the fire caught at the sill below and ran up the side of the building to the roof and there spread, eating its way through the roof in a short time. Fortunately, nothing was scorched in the room below, as the fire did not penetrate within the plastering. The damage to the building is estimated at from \$150 to \$200. The building was formerly owned by Charles Bell.

The value of the property is placed at about \$1,000, with \$800 insurance on the same and \$200 on the household goods. The damage to the residence has been placed at about \$300. The firemen did some excellent work in saving the property. Manager Burnie of the Plattsmouth Water company was on the ground as soon as the fire company to look after the water supply, test the pressure and see that every demand was taken care of for the protection of the property. Mr. Burnie takes this method merely as a precaution, not as a necessity, as they are always prepared for fire protection, and if something should go wrong he places himself in readiness for immediate action in the way of sufficient water supply.

### Ice Harvest Commences.

From Tuesday's Daily. The ice harvest began today, with George Poissall and his force of men cutting for F. G. Egenberger. The ice is all right for storage purposes, but Mr. Poissall said today that the location would be changed immediately. The ice is from a foot to sixteen inches, and if a clear field can be located the quality will be fine.

Mrs. Seaton, who has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. R. B. Windham, jr., departed for Fort Worth, Texas, yesterday afternoon, where she will visit relatives for a time.

## "I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU COMFORTLESS; I WILL COME TO YOU."

Fine New Year's Sermon Delivered by Rev. Gade at the Presbyterian Church in the Presence of a Large Audience Sunday

The following extract of the sermon of Rev. Gade, delivered last Sunday, was unavoidably crowded out on account of the overflow of news yesterday occasioned by the issuing of no paper Monday. But like all good things, it is, in sentiment, as well as other good things uttered, interesting, if it is a little late in publication:

"The Untrodden Path."  
"Ye Have Not Passed This Way Heretofore." Josh. 3:4.

Among other things Rev. Gade said: "Joshua and the host of Israel had come to the banks of the Jordan. The people of God had braved difficulties, dangers and unknown trials, through the long wilderness journey, and now they stood upon the banks of the river looking over into the promised land. Just before them lay the sweeping stream of the Jordan; beyond it the land filled with enemies, which they were soon to take possession, behind them stretched a weary waste of rocky wilderness, where seldom a flower ever grew or a tree lent its sheltering shade.

"The forty years of wandering from place to place in a bare, uninteresting desert, with its withering heat and blinding glare, where no green and beautiful plains followed winding rivers, and the air void of the freshness of the morning and evening zephyrs, was indeed a great discipline for these people. But this is all over now, and a new way opens before them, for they were told, 'Ye have not passed this way heretofore.' They did not shrink back from the untrodden way. They were not afraid to trust God. Had He not led them with His own hand, and led them with the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire at night?"

"I think I can hear the command of Joshua as it rings out through the assembled host, 'Get ready, sanctify yourselves, for God is about to do great things for us.' And true, the morning's light revealed the waves of the swift-running river piled up like solid rock, and they crossed over

on dry ground.

"We need to prepare ourselves as we enter upon 'the untrodden path' of the New Year. The sins, temptations and evil habits which have been growing stronger and stronger upon us, crushing out one by one every noble resolution of the heart, should be put aside. "It is good to make resolutions. It is better to resolve than not to resolve at all. You had better try a thousand times though you fail, than not to try at all. But make your resolutions in God's name, put them worth into execution. If they are made in reliance upon God helping you, you cannot fail, and the solemn purposes of your lives will be realized.

"A new year lies before us. We are as those who are entering upon an untrodden path. We have not passed this way heretofore. We have before us a pilgrimage of which as yet we have not taken one step. We look out with deep anxiety. We may not be afraid, but we hesitate. The promises of God sneaks comfort and good cheer. He promises to go with us all the way. Around us shall be His presence and underneath us the everlasting arms. The fatherly, companionable God will go with us into the unknown way of the days that are yet to come."

In closing Rev. Gade said: "Soon the great clock of eternity will sound the knell of the passing year, and its deep, solemn tones will ring out the certainty that time is passing away forever, like the swaying of a pendulum, like the fading of a shadow on the floor." With some of you here, you are yet young, just a little beyond the glory of the morning twilight. With others of you the sun is already low down in the western sky, tinting the clouds above with sunset glow. Thank God this morning, I can tell you that through change and decay, through grim care and life's vicissitudes, if you will only listen, you will hear the voice of infinite love saying unto you, 'I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.'"

## NEW YEARS FORTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO

Illustration of Some of the Hardships Soldiers Endured in the Great Civil War.

From Tuesday's Daily. Judge J. W. Johnson recalled yesterday that forty-eight years ago, or on New Year's eve preceding January 1, 1864, he, with about 300 cavalry comrades, were ordered out to do scout duty and were directed to proceed to Roland, Arkansas, a distance of many miles. It began to rain soon after the troopers were started on their march, and shortly turned very cold and their garments were frozen on them. The squad reached the town for which they had set out the previous night, about daylight. They found the enemy housed five or six in every house. The rebels ran in every direction for the timber, although, Judge Johnson said, if half a dozen had stood their ground with muskets the Union forces must have been vanquished, as the frozen condition of their clothing prevented them from drawing revolvers from their holsters. Nevertheless, they gave chase to the fleeing Johnnies and took possession of the town.

Judge Johnson took his men into a large building formerly occupied as a hall, with an old-fashioned box stove in it, and several cords of wood piled near, which was used to thaw the boys out. The thermometer stood 43 below zero in a window outside the building. That afternoon the long roll was again sounded and the boys placed on the march.

That was one of the coldest winters of the war. The Red river in Arkansas was frozen over, and

the cavalry crossed on the ice. The Judge had been in the service three years and was toughened to hardship, and he observed that a man does not know what he can endure until he has had a trial of it.

### Returns From Memphis.

From Wednesday's Daily. Miles Standish returned from Memphis this morning, where he went Monday to visit relatives. Mr. Standish was nicely entertained while at Memphis, having attended a party given in his honor, which he enjoyed very much. He reached Omaha yesterday and visited his sister over night, arriving here on No. 24, in company with James Delles-Dernier and E. Shoemaker. Mr. Standish paid the Journal office a pleasant call. Messrs. Delles-Dernier and Shoemaker are prosperous farmers, Mr. Delles-Dernier having purchased the farm formerly owned by Mr. Standish near Murray.

### Cass County Jail Condemned.

Plattsmouth last week received a present she was not expecting. A few days ago one of the assistant state fire commissioners went to Plattsmouth and condemned a number of the old shacks, and among them was the Cass county jail. He said it was dangerous and pronounced it a fire trap. Last year an effort was made to vote bonds for the erection of a new jail, but they were defeated. Now Cass county will have to do something or turn her prisoners loose.—Nebraska City News.

Forest Rose Flour. The next time you need a sack of flour try a sack. You will find it the best on the market.

## THE MASK BALL A GREAT SUCCESS

Given by the Dancing Trio at Coates' Hall Last Saturday Evening.

The mask ball given by the Dancing Trio last Saturday evening at Coates' hall, proved one of the most pleasant occasions of the season. The weather being very cold and blustery the attendance was not expected to be large, but here is where the promoters of the affair were very agreeably surprised. There were a goodly number of costumes and the attendance was quite large. There were a number of good characters very neatly costumed, especially the winner of the first gents' prize, Henry Timms, who appeared as the great and only Mutt, who has been the winning number of the funny paper issues for the past few years. This prize was a very neat shaving outfit. The first ladies prize was captured by Miss Ella Neuman, whose costume was that of the Goddess of Liberty, the prize being a handsome toilet set.

Percy Fields was there as the comical Dutchman and landed the second gents' prize, a collar and cuff case; and Mrs. George Bruhl took the second ladies' prize, a handkerchief and glove box, in the character of a colored lady. According to those in attendance the prizes were properly awarded, as the winners look great pains and had prepared excellent costumes for the occasion.

The judges were Edward Rybolt, Frank Smith and John Falter. The music for the occasion was furnished by the old reliable M. W. A. orchestra, which was up to the usual high standard.

### Eats Turkey in Plattsmouth.

Henry Meisinger of near Springfield arrived Friday afternoon to spend the New Year and eat turkey with Mrs. George Weidman and family. Mr. Meisinger makes an annual visit about this season of the year and always arrives in time to kill the turkey; in fact, he comes a day or two ahead of time for that purpose.

### Hold Annual Meeting.

From Tuesday's Daily. The Olson Photo Machine Manufacturing company held its annual meeting last night for the election of officers. The following officers were re-elected: President, G. R. Olson; vice president, T. H. Pollock; secretary and treasurer, Dr. E. W. Cook; business manager, A. L. Tidd.

### School Board Meets.

From Tuesday's Daily. The school board met yesterday, although it was New Year's day, and transacted the business for the month of December. The meeting was held at 10 o'clock in the morning so as not to interfere with various engagements for the evening. Routine matters were all that came up. There was the usual grist of bills allowed, and the superintendent's report received. Nothing of special importance came up in the monthly report, as things have gone along very smoothly and the attendance has been practically the same as for the month of November. Mr. Abbott again brought up the matter of medical inspection and the whole was left in the hands of the secretary. A gentleman who paid taxes for 1911 and has since moved out of the school district, was of the impression that he ought not to pay tuition, but a letter from the state superintendent indicated that free school attendance is based under the law merely on residence and has nothing at all to do with the payment of taxes.

### Family Reunion Dinner.

Frank Janda, jr., and wife entertained at a family reunion dinner Sunday and a large turkey, roasted to a palatable brown, and the accompanying dishes to embellish the feast were placed before their guests. The afternoon was spent with games and music and enjoyable conversation. The turkey for the dinner was sent by George Koehnke and wife of Hay Springs, who sent their regrets at not being able to be present. Those who participated in the dinner were: Ex-Councilman W. J. Bookmeyer and wife and son, Raymond; Charles Janda and wife and daughter, Ruth; J. J. Svoboda, sr., J. J. Svoboda, jr., and wife and three children, Frank Janda and wife and son, Raphael; Tom Svoboda and wife and Miss Mary Janda.

### From Nature to the Home.

A beautiful picture representing the gathering and shipping of herbs in one part and of grapes in another part of the world, the combining of them into medicinal preparations and the distributing of these preparations to the homes in different countries, will be mailed to you for 10c in coin or stamps, by Jos. Triner, 1333-1339 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill., the manufacturer of the celebrated Triner's American Tonic of Bitter Wine and Triner's Angelica Bitter Tonic. To this picture is attached a calendar for 1912.