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## THE COMMERCIAL CLUB HOLD A VERY ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING LAST NIGHT

Quite a Number Were Present, as Officers Were to Be Elected and Many Important Matters to Come Before the Club, Including the Building of a New Jail and Other Matters

From Friday's Daily.

The Plattsmouth Commercial club held its meeting last night, which was postponed from the third Thursday night of December, and after reading and approving the minutes of the previous meeting the election of officers for the year 1912 was taken up. The following officers were elected: President, T. H. Pollock; vice president, J. P. Falter; secretary, A. L. Tidd; treasurer, Rae Patterson. E. H. Wescott, who has been secretary of the club for the past three years, or since its organization, retired, receiving from the membership a rising vote of thanks for his faithful and energetic administration of the office.

Among the important matters looked after last night was the appointment of a delegation to attend the state good roads convention at Lincoln on January 16, those appointed being M. L. Friedrich, C. R. Jordan, C. E. Heebner and T. H. Pollock, being the three county commissioners and the president of the Commercial club. The convention is one of the most important to be held in the state during the present year, and will look toward the improvement of all state roads in Nebraska; and along the same line of improvement a committee of five was appointed to meet with the Cass county board of county commissioners at its next meeting to urge a levy of 2 mills on the county valuation for the purpose of improving the main roads in the county.

In view of the condemnation of the old county jail by the state fire warden, the matter of the construction of a new jail was again taken up, and the former

committee, composed of H. A. Schneider, J. P. Falter and A. E. Wurl, directed to make investigation and take the proper steps to interview the authorities of the county and set the project in motion.

Superintendent N. C. Abbott was present and laid before the club for its consideration a very important proposition which will be agitated through the press of the city a little later on.

C. A. Rawls, chairman of the committee on subscriptions for the Y. M. C. A., was present and reported subscriptions amounting to over \$1,200, with the last \$200 provided for, leaving about \$500 yet to be subscribed.

On motion of Secretary Wescott the newspapers of the city were tendered a vote of thanks for their zeal in furnishing space and their reporters whenever the officers of the Commercial club have desired. Mr. Wescott stated that the work of the press of the city in aid of the efforts of the club to benefit the commercial interests of the city was much appreciated.

A committee of three, composed of H. A. Schneider, John Hall and George Falter was appointed to arrange for a banquet of the business men of the city to be given soon. The matter of membership was also discussed and arrangements made to increase the membership. The fee is 50 cents per month, or \$5 per year when paid in advance.

The treasurer's report for the year was read, showing receipts in the sum of \$795.10 and disbursements amounting to \$492.34, with a balance of \$302.76 on hand. The amount includes receipts and disbursements for the minstrel show.

have heard Mr. Lamberti in a solo. His voice is of a rare volume and reminds one of the deep tones of a huge bass drum, and the work of the quartet in the selection, "The Little German Band," was very clever.

Many words in praise of the high merit of the program as a whole as given last night, were heard in the audience after the performance.

The company will give a program at the Y. M. C. A. building in Omaha tonight, and the advanced sale of tickets has already reached 2,000, indicating how the company is regarded at home.

### L. D. Switzer Retires.

From Friday's Daily.

The "happiest man in Plattsmouth yesterday was ex-County Commissioner L. D. Switzer, who has filled the position as member of the board from the Second commissioner's district for the past six years, and had he cared to accept the nomination could have had the place again. In losing Mr. Switzer from the board the taxpayers of the county, regardless of their political affiliations, have lost one of the best friends they have ever had on the board. He was fearless in the discharge of his official duties and would not allow himself to be used to gratify the selfish whims of scheming politicians, keeping ever in mind his oath to discharge his official duties to the best of his ability. As a keen business man Mr. Switzer gave the county the benefit of his knowledge of business methods, and a glance over the records of the past six years will disclose his vote ever on the side of the people. Mr. Switzer leaves the office with the hearty good will and high esteem of everyone with whom the board transacted business during his term.

J. P. Comer of near Weeping Water was a business visitor in the city yesterday and today, being a guest of the Perkins hotel while in town.

### Very Pleasantly Entertained.

From Friday's Daily.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church held a very pleasant meeting in the parlors of the church yesterday afternoon, at which time they were entertained by Mesdames Alice Kennedy, B. C. Kerr and John Kuhney. In spite of the extreme cold weather there was a fair attendance and all joined in having a most enjoyable time. The regular business session was held, which took up a portion of the afternoon hours, after which the ladies participated in social conversation and other amusements. Delicious refreshments were served at the proper time.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REORGANIZE

C. E. Heebner Takes the Place of L. D. Switzer, Whose Time Had Expired.

From Friday's Daily.

The board of county commissioners was reorganized yesterday. Commissioner L. D. Switzer, chairman of the board, stepping down and out after six years of valued service for the people of the county, and C. E. Heebner of Nehawka becoming a member of the board by filing his bond and taking the oath. The old members of the board moved up a peg, Mr. Friedrich taking the seat so ably filled by Mr. Switzer, and Mr. Jordan resuming the seat made vacant by the elevation of Mr. Friedrich to the chairmanship of the board, Mr. Jordan becoming vice chairman, while Mr. Heebner took the seat just vacated by Mr. Jordan.

The board as now constituted will be M. L. Friedrich, chairman; C. R. Jordan, vice chairman, and C. E. Heebner, member. After organizing the board tried its hand at the disposition of business on hand. The request of W. K. Fox for the appointment of Miss M. Gering as chief clerk in the county treasurer's office, at a salary of \$900 per annum, was granted and the salary approved.

The report of the sheriff for the quarter just ended was filed, and the request of the sheriff for the appointment of E. Manspeaker as deputy, at a salary of \$45 per month, was granted and the salary approved.

An interesting question was broached when the clerk of the county filed his request for the appointment of Frank Libershall as deputy county clerk. Mr. Libershall suggested that he ought not to be required to file a bond unless the deputy clerk of the district court, Miss Jessie Robertson, was also required to give a bond. Mr. Libershall cited that clause of section 20, chapter 10 of the Wheeler compiled statute of Nebraska, the chapter being entitled "County Officers—Bonds," which reads, "Deputies shall, except where otherwise specially provided, give bond in the same manner and for the same sum as the principal." The bond provided by statute for the clerk of the district court is fixed at not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000, to be determined by the board of county commissioners.

Mr. Robertson was sent for to explain the reason why his daughter had not been required to give bond, which was accounted for by saying that he was responsible for her acts and that she gave bond to him. Mr. Libershall insisted that all deputies should be treated alike, as the statute made no distinction. The position of the deputy clerk of the county seemed so fair that the board decided to refer the matter to the county attorney, who was out of the city.

### Recovers Slowly.

George Weidman, who had his eye injured about two weeks ago by having a sliver from an iron boiler getting in the lid, has been off duty since. The injury has given George much pain and does not yield to treatment as rapidly as he had hoped at first.

Mrs. Fred Ebinger, who is paying a visit to her mother, Mrs. George Wiedman, accompanied by her sisters, Mrs. Anna and Ida Weidman, were Omaha visitors, going on the morning train today.

## FARMERS ANNUAL MEETING IN OMAHA

Many Important Questions Will Be Discussed and There Should Be a Large Gathering.

When the farmers of Nebraska meet in annual convention in Omaha on January 10 to 13 they will be privileged to hear exhaustive discourses on various questions which are vital in their interest. The program, which has been arranged by the secretaries of the three organizations—the Farmers' congress, the Rural Life commission and the Farmers' Co-operative Shipping association—includes addresses by men who have made a life study of the economic conditions.

"How the Aldrich Currency Plan Will Affect the Farmer" will be discussed from every angle by Henry W. Yates of Omaha. Mr. Yates will deliver his address on the evening of January 11.

Dr. George O. Virtue of the University of Nebraska will deliver an address on the "Substitutes for the Personal Tax." This address, which is scheduled for the same evening, will deal with the possible elimination of the personal tax element, and will suggest ways and means to get revenue from other sources, which will mean a more equitable division.

Secretary Odell of the Rural Life commission is conducting an investigation and is asking a series of questions, which have for their object the ascertaining of facts and suggestions which will increase the desirability of farm life and check the drift from the farm to the city.

Indications are that nearly 1,000 farmers will attend the joint congress of the three associations. All farmers are urged to attend the congress, whether they are completely appointed delegates or not. Everyone will have a voice in the convention and will be entitled to vote on any question that is raised. The officers of the three associations have joined in an invitation to every farmer in the state. All are urged to be present and be prepared to discuss the various questions which will be raised during the three days' session.

### Man Killed on M. P.

From Friday's Daily.

Mr. Newton, who is employed by the M. P. Railroad company, was at Nebraska City this morning, and returning to Plattsmouth, related the circumstance of an unfortunate accident in which a section man of the company who was walking track this morning, met his death by being run over by the train. The man, in company with an Italian laborer, was on the long trestle spanning Mill Pond creek, when the train came upon them. Both men ran for the south end of the bridge, but could not reach it and attempted to escape death by jumping on a projecting beam. The Italian made his escape, but the section man slipped and fell and the train ran over him, cutting off one leg and crushing his skull. The injured man was taken to Union, but died before reaching that village. The dead man is said to have a family residing in Nebraska City.

### Married in Omaha.

Among the numerous persons securing marriage licenses in the county court at Omaha last Wednesday were Edward W. Maurer of Plattsmouth and Miss Effie Benedict of Afton, Iowa. The groom is a well known young man in this city and fills a position with the Missouri Pacific Railway company. It is presumed that the young people will make their home in Plattsmouth, although nothing definite is stated.

### Very Thankful.

We were kindly remembered on Christmas day and during the Christmas holidays by the following good people: A. A. Wetenskap, Grover Will, Mr. and Mrs. John Beckman, Mrs. Geo. W. Snyder, Fred Hild and W. D. Kelinson. To all of whom we feel very thankful.

J. M. Young, Carrier R. F. D. No. 1, Mynard.

### Meet With Miss Gering.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Luke's parish held their regular meeting at the home of Miss Barbara Gering yesterday afternoon. The attendance was very good, considering the extreme cold, and all spent a most delightful afternoon. The usual business session was held, after which those fortunate enough to be present listened to some excellent papers by Miss Alice Eaton, Mrs. Eva Reece and Mrs. A. L. Tidd, the subject of the afternoon study being "United Offerings." Mrs. W. A. Robertson read a poem which was very fitting and appropriate to the subject. Following the program a dainty luncheon was served.

## SAM PATTERSON WANTS \$6,000 FROM STATE

And Files Claim Against State for This Amount for Salary.

A special from Lincoln under date of January 30 says: "Samuel Patterson of Arapahoe filed a claim of \$6,000 with State Auditor Barton, claiming that amount for salary as secretary of the state banking board during the time that the bank guaranty law was held up in the courts as to its validity. Through his attorney, Matthew Gering of Plattsmouth, Mr. Patterson asks the state auditor either to accept or reject the claim or hold a hearing in the matter. If the claim is disallowed it is the Furnas county man's intention to appeal to the district court to recover the amount which he contends should be paid him for the time for which he was appointed and for which he filed his bond and took his oath of office."

### Mrs. Campbell Entertains.

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. Ida Campbell gave a most delightful entertainment yesterday in honor of the birthday of her son, Philip. It was a complete surprise to Master Philip, as he had been lured from home the day before, which permitted his mother to prepare for an elaborate dinner of five courses. When Master Philip came home yesterday at noon seven of his comrades were awaiting him—Robert Kroehler, Clifford and Harley Cecil, William Kyle, David Ebersole, Eugene Parker and Earl Livingston. They had brought carnations and ferns with them for the table decorations and congratulations for Philip's fourteenth birthday. The dinner was a masterpiece of culinary art, and at the close all drank—pure water—to a toast, "To the good appetite three times a day through a long life of perfect health, happiness and noble, successful manhood to each and every one." Every one responded with hearty cheers. Music, games and loads of fun continued the whole afternoon and closed with supper and farewells to the hostess.

### A Delightful Birthday Party.

From Friday's Daily.

A number of little girls were entertained at a most enjoyable birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Judge A. J. Beeson yesterday afternoon in honor of the twelfth birthday anniversary of their daughter, Elizabeth. The little guests had a fine time playing all kinds of games and indulging in various puns and pranks, which made the hours pass all too rapidly. At the hour of 5 the happy company was invited to the dining room, where they did ample justice to a most excellent two-course luncheon which was served at that time. The birthday cake, bearing twelve pink roses, in which were placed the twelve pink candles, graced the center of the table. This cake contained a thimble, ring and a piece of money. When the cake had been cut it was found that Miss Nora Livingston had captured the ring, Miss Marion Mauzy the thimble and Miss Margaret Schlatter the piece of money.

Sheriff Quinton went to Union this morning to attend the funeral of Andrew E. Taylor. Out of respect for County Attorney C. H. Taylor, the county officials sent a wreath of flowers to be laid on his brother's casket.

## WAIT FOR THE FEMALE MINSTRELS JAN. 24TH

A Unique Entertainment Given by Our Own Home Young Ladies January 24

For some time twenty-five young ladies of Plattsmouth have been preparing to give a very unique entertainment under the name of the "Plattsmouth Female Minstrels." They have been rehearsing one night out of each week for some time, under the direction of Prof. H. S. Austin, and it is safe to say that they will give a minstrel show that will equal, if not excel, any entertainment of this kind ever given in Plattsmouth. The company includes many of the finest vocalists in the city, some of whom have had experience in this line, and they are not giving the show especially for their own benefit, but have decided to give a portion of the proceeds to the Y. M. C. A.

An entertainment of this character should meet the approval of all our people, as it is the young ladies of our city alone who are giving it, and these young ladies belong to some of the best families of the town, and from what information we can glean from some of the young ladies, it will be a regular black face combination, with an interlocutor, two tambos and two bones, with the usual songs and dances. Everyone knows that Plattsmouth possesses the talent to give such a show, and when we are able to furnish the program you will readily observe that it will be an entertainment creditable to our town girls. Bear in mind the date, and by all means make your arrangements to attend—Wednesday night, January 24.

### Obituary.

Edward Stokes was born in North Carolina, in the northeast portion of the state, December 10, 1832, where he grew to manhood and was married to Elizabeth Davis, living there until 1859, when he moved to Indiana. He lived in Indiana until thirty-one years ago last fall, when he removed to Nebraska, settling in Cass county, where he has resided until the date of his death, January 2, 1912. The deceased was 80 years, 22 days and 3 hours old at the time of his death. He leaves to mourn his loss six children, four sons and two daughters, as follows: Edward of Plainview, Neb.; Will of Alberta, Canada; and Tom and Albert of Plattsmouth, and Mrs. Alice Creamer of Murray and Mrs. Laura Johnson of Mynard. Mrs. Stokes preceded her husband to the better land twenty-three years ago. Mr. Stokes was a member of the Quaker church in Indiana, but sixteen years ago he put his letter in the Presbyterian church at Murray and since that time has been a faithful and consistent member of that church. His funeral was held from the home of his son, Albert, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. L. W. Gade, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the kind neighbors and friends who helped us so generously during the sickness and death of our father. Also to thank the Burlington shops and all others who were so generous in their floral tribute. We sincerely thank Rev. Gade for his words of encouragement and the quartet, which rendered the music so well for the occasion.

The Stokes Family.

### Dr. Laird in Town.

From Friday's Daily.

Dr. A. Laird of Omaha was down today to look the field over, with a view of taking Dr. Farwell's place in the practice of osteopathy, and has decided to visit Plattsmouth on Tuesday and Saturday of each week, the same as Dr. Farwell. Dr. Laird is the gentleman who assisted the band boys and is highly recommended as a practitioner in his profession. He is also a first-class gentleman in every particular.

John Mutz of Maryville, Mo., returned to his home, after paying a visit to the J. R. Vallery home.

## THE IMPERIAL CONCERT COMPANY

A Very Fair Audience Pronounced the Concert First-Class in Every Respect.

From Friday's Daily.

The Imperial Concert company of Bellevue college was greeted by a fair-sized audience at the Presbyterian church last evening, and considering the obstacles which the company had to contend with, such as a poorly warmed auditorium and lights dimmed by the meter being frozen up, the company rendered an exceedingly pleasing program.

The committee on arrangements had overlooked providing a piano and Mrs. S. M. Chapman kindly loaned her fine instrument. Lamps were also brought from Mrs. Chapman's home and placed in the windows and on the platform. Hugh Cecil kindly volunteered to adjust some of the gas lamps, which he quickly did, his efforts being rewarded by adding to the light in the room, but on examining the meter it was found almost frozen down and would allow very little pressure.

The program was opened by the full company in a patriotic number, which was much enjoyed by the audience and was enthusiastically encored, and was responded to by the quartet. The lovers of vocal music enjoyed a rare treat, the voices of the singers being evenly balanced and blending beautifully. Some of their closings were exceedingly fine and the stillness which followed for an instant was intense.

Mr. Humes, the second tenor, and Mr. Overman, baritone, favored the audience with a solo each, as did also Mr. Duboff, the violinist, and Miss Spencer, the pianist; each were artists in their line. The singing of Mr. Goble, first tenor, and Mr. Lamberti, bass, was exceedingly good, and the audience would have been pleased to