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## PLATTSMOUTH COMMERCIAL CLUB ENJOYS ANOTHER FINE BANQUET

Feast Was Held at Coates' Hall and the Occasion One Long to Be Remembered by Those Present—Responses Made by Hon. L. T. Genung, Matthew Gering and Others.

From Friday's Daily.

The third annual banquet of the Plattsmouth Commercial club, given at Coates' hall last night, was the most successful affair of its kind yet undertaken by the club. The hall was gorgeously decorated with bunting and U. S. flags as at the Cosmopolitan club dance of Saturday night, and an elegant four-course dinner was served by the ladies of the Methodist church. The ladies deserve great credit for the sumptuous banquet, they served and the pleasing, methodical manner in which the guests were waited upon at the table. By the side of each plate was a menu card, the opposite page bearing the list of after-dinner speakers and the toasts to be responded to. Never before has so large a company been served in Coates' hall, there being more than 160 banqueters at the table last evening, and to serve this large number without apparent effort or an unpleasant incident of any kind is a feat of which the ladies can well feel complimented.

After the banqueters had been ushered to their seats, and before being seated, Rev. W. L. Austin, pastor of the Methodist church, pronounced the invocation. After the speechmaking was over, Rev. L. W. Gade, pastor of the Presbyterian church, pronounced the benediction.

E. H. Wescott was chosen toastmaster by the committee on arrangements, and his genial manner and faculty of saying the right thing at the right minute was proof that the committee had made no mistake in selecting him. In clearing the decks for the toasts, Mr. Wescott made some very pertinent remarks pertaining to the commercial interests of the city, and wound up his address by stating that there were three things on his mind that he wished to impress on the hearts and minds of Plattsmouth business men as a clue to success the present year, and these were, optimism, co-operative competition and attendance upon the sessions of the Commercial club at its meetings during the year. Mr. Wescott then introduced Rev. L. W. Gade, who spoke on the "Business Men's Calling."

Rev. Gade made an eloquent and forceful address, which was replete with anecdotes and illustrated with well-timed stories. Rev. Gade demonstrated that the minister can be an able after-dinner speaker, and his remarks were frequently applauded.

In introducing L. T. Genung, the toastmaster took occasion to remark that it was the misfortune of the next speaker that he did not reside in this community, but that he was at the great disadvantage of having to view the prosperity of this city and the great county of Cass from across the murky waters of the Big Muddy. The toastmaster had never met Mr. Genung, but he was glad to welcome him "to the promised land," or words to that effect. Mr. Genung arose, addressed the toastmaster, and soon had the banqueters in a merry mood, his sallies of wit and apt anecdotes keeping the audience in a roar of laughter almost all of the time that he occupied the floor. He informed the toastmaster that he (Genung) had been in "Nebraska before the Missouri river was dug further north than Nebraska City," that he passed this locality up for what seemed to him a better country, and settled in Saunders county, later returning and taking up his residence in Mills county, Iowa. In the course of his talk Mr. Genung said that when Sherman said that "war was hell" he did not mean anything about Atlanta, but he rather referred to a county seat fight, which Mr. Genung had had some experience with, and he took occasion to thank the

Plattsmouth voters for coming to his assistance in trying to continue the county seat at Glenwood. "But," said the speaker, "you owed it to us on that side of the river to repay the Glenwood voters, who did valiant service in Plattsmouth a few years before." Mr. Genung was accorded an ovation when he resumed his seat.

Judge Jesse L. Root was introduced and spoke to the topic of "A Study in Civics." Mr. Root said that the city of Plattsmouth furnished him a theme; that she had had her prosperous times a few years ago; that the hard times had brought reverses, but that now the city was again taking on new life and taking her place among the live cities of the state. Judge Root's talk was a calm review of the history of events in Plattsmouth for the past twenty-five years, and was a clear and strong statement of the facts as they have and now exist.

E. R. Gurney of Fremont made one of the most eloquent and instructive addresses of the evening and spoke from the subject of "Profit and Loss." Mr. Gurney is a Fremont banker, and a better after-dinner orator cannot be found anywhere, and in his speech last night he traced commerce from the time of Adam down through the ages to the present time. His closing sentences were magnificent and eloquent, the speaker appealing to his listeners to be men in the battle of life and bear the losses with a smile, and out of the experiences of life gain the profit for the future.

Mr. Gurney was followed by Matthew Gering, the young man eloquent of Plattsmouth, who maintained his fame as an eloquent after-dinner orator. Mr. Gering regretted that he had not met with the club before and promised that in future he would second every effort of the Plattsmouth Commercial club to boost for his home city. Mr. Gering's address abounded with anecdotes, poetry and sentiment. Mr. Gering's address closed the printed program, and when he resumed his seat it was near the hour of midnight, and he was warmly applauded.

The toastmaster then called for a talk from Sheriff Gus Hyers of Lancaster county, and Gus responded most happily. President of the Commercial Club Pollock was called upon, also Superintendent Baird of the Burlington shops, both responding with appropriate remarks. Mr. Pollock took occasion to predict that among other things in store for the city will be an interurban road.

At about 12:30 the banqueters quit the hall, with the lingering impression that the Plattsmouth Commercial club had shown them the time of their lives.

During the time the banquet was being served the M. W. A. orchestra discoursed most excellent music, which charmed the banqueters and added much pleasure to the dinner hour. Mr. Holly and his assistants certainly have the thanks of the Commercial club for the splendid musical program furnished last night.

### Executive Committee Meets.

From Friday's Daily. The executive committee of the Nebraska Association of Commercial clubs meets tonight at Hastings to fix the date when the annual convention will be held. E. H. Wescott is a member of the executive committee from this district. The annual meeting will be held within a few weeks and the membership of the Plattsmouth Commercial club ought to select a good, live delegation to attend this meeting and demonstrate that our city is still on the state map.

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### Takes Charge for Singer.

William Jonas Brown, who has been traveling representative for the Success magazine for the past few months, has accepted the agency at Plattsmouth of the Singer sewing machine business. Mr. Brown has moved his family to Plattsmouth and will be one of the live wires of the city. The company has had no representative here since the death of William Street, and Mr. Brown will fill the vacancy. He will have his office on Main street and will give his personal attention to the details of the business.

## HOME DEALERS ARE ALWAYS SAFEST

### Transient Vendors Misrepresent and Sell You Inferior Goods.

There are times, we presume, when well meaning people are led to patronize peddlers, agents and solicitors for Jim Crow concerns scattered throughout the east, making, advertising and often misrepresenting articles that are intended solely for this kind of business. They have so many devices, so many peculiar methods and such a world of persistency that unsuspecting people are frequently led to believe that the sole aim of these vendors is to hunt you up and come to your very door to save you money. Of course, upon second thought, you realize that he comes to your door for the purpose of making himself money and that he must resort to all the arts of his business to accomplish it. The markets of the world are open to your home dealer, where in quantities he can buy cheaper than any peddler. Shipping in quantities he gets better rates than is possible in shipping one article at a time. The cost of hiring teams to haul these articles about the country is greater by far than that of keeping them in stock.

Then this fellow will offer you terms, payment plans, etc. Your home dealer will do this and perhaps has done it for you dozens of times. This fellow makes a deal with you and is gone—you do not see him again, and he doesn't want to see you. Your home dealer is always where you can see him and he can't afford to have you dissatisfied. He will do anything in reason to make good his promises or guarantees.

The next time one of these fellows comes along and takes two hours of your time showing up his proposition, go down town and give your home dealer one-fourth as much time to explain his—then decide. Isn't that fair?

### Special Seed Corn Trains.

Special trains carrying experts from the state farm may be sent over the state within a short time to instruct Nebraska farmers in methods of choosing seed corn. Lectures will also be given at the stopping places on improved methods of farming. The main object of the project, however, is to see that the farmers are interested in securing good seed corn for planting this spring. A meeting is to be held in Omaha Friday night to complete plans for the special. Governor Aldrich, Prof. A. Burnett of the university farm, and a number of seed growers are expected to speak at this gathering.

Omaha members of the grain exchange have recently returned from the grain dealers' meeting in Chicago and report that seed corn in most of the middle western states is far below par. Corn raisers in this state, including O. Hull of Alma, F. T. Chase of Pawnee City and R. Hogue of Crete, are united in declaring that never before has the condition of seed corn in this state been so deplorable.—Lincoln Journal.

### Apply to Rynott.

Ed Rynott will be pleased to have any of the worthy poor of the city see him regarding the distribution of the charity fund which will be in Mr. Rynott's hands shortly from a benefit for that purpose to be given at the Majestic.

## THE PASSING OF AN OLD CITIZEN

John Swartz, Born in Germany November 11, 1835—Funeral Saturday.

From Friday's Daily.

J. D. Schwartz, who died yesterday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Felix Sieskowski, in South Park, was born in Germany November 11, 1835, where he grew to manhood, and where about fifty years ago he was married to Miss Mary Weibel. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz, three of whom survive their parents. Mrs. Schwartz died in 1884, and three years later Mr. Schwartz and his three surviving children came to America and settled in Plattsmouth, where Mr. Schwartz had resided in this vicinity ever since.

The surviving children are: Albert Schwartz of this city, August Schwartz of Rockford, Ill., and Mrs. Felix Sieskowski. He was in his 77th year at the time of his death and has been almost helpless for the past three months, having to be cared for constantly by his daughter or some member of the family. His funeral will occur Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from St. John's church.

In addition to the two sons and daughter, Mr. Schwartz leaves sixteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren surviving, also two sisters—Mrs. Split of this county and Mrs. Bushka of Germany.

Since the foregoing was placed in type we learn that Mr. Schwartz's birthplace in Germany was the city of Tremewsin, in the state of Mogilno. The pallbearers are: A. Bach, sr., Albert Schulzke, Valentine Tumaszewski, Mike Hobscheidt, Frank Tolson and Mike Robb.

## VERDICT FOR W. R. SPERRY FOR \$400

### The Amount Far Short of What It Should Have Been for One Thus Injured.

From Saturday's Daily.

After being out deliberating upon the case all night, the jury in the case of W. R. Sperry against the M. P. Railway company, brought in a verdict this morning in favor of the plaintiff for \$400. The suit was originally brought for \$2,000 damages for injury sustained while alighting from defendant's train at Mynard last summer.

The plaintiff stepped in a ditch while getting off the train and received a fall, throwing his ankle out of place, and the pain was so great that he fainted and remained by the track unconscious for some time. The accident occurred in the night. Mr. Sperry was alone at the time, and when he regained consciousness made his way to the station and secured medical attendance as soon as he could. He went to his home at Weeping Water, where he was many months in recovering. He lost not only valuable time, but was also at much expense for physician's services and nursing. The sum allowed is far short of an adequate compensation for his damages and must have been the result of a compromise between the members of the jury.

### Presented Fine Chair.

In the write-up in the Journal of Wednesday of the dinner party given to the directors of the Commercial club by E. H. Wescott and wife, an important feature of the event, and one that gave Mr. Wescott much pleasure, was inadvertently omitted from the account. A very graceful thing was done by the directors when, in token of their appreciation of the faithful work of Mr. Wescott as secretary of the club during the past three years, they presented him with a nice leather upholstered Morris chair. The chair was presented by the directors themselves, each of them contributing to the purchase of it.

## CASE OF PANKONIN VS. GORDER ON TRIAL IN DISTRICT COURT

Litigation Grows Out of Sale of Business and Good Will of Pankonin to Gorder and the Opening of New Store by Pankonin. Present Suit Is Over Question of Rent.

From Saturday's Daily.

Judge Travis and a jury yesterday were engaged in the trial of a case in the district court entitled Herman Pankonin against Fred H. Gorder, which involves the rent of a store building in Louisville. The following is the jury selected to try the facts: John W. Rhuge, N. K. Peoples, John Elliott, John Schroeder, Joe Tubbs, E. Norris, Henry Schroeder, James Niday, C. R. Frans, M. M. Beal, Michael Martin and John W. Kinser.

The case proceeded yesterday afternoon as far as the testimony of the plaintiff and the petition, answer and reply of the case of Fred H. Gorder vs. H. E. Pankonin were offered in evidence, which raised a question of law, which the court thought should not be discussed in the presence of the jury and the jury was excused from the room while Attorneys Tidd and D. O. Dwyer for Pankonin, and Jesse L. Root and W. A. Robertson for Gorder, argued the question to the court. The arguments were quite extended and numerous authorities were

brought in and read to the court. About 5 o'clock the court excused the jury until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

The litigation has been in court for some time and grows out of a lease contract of real estate and the sale of the business and good will by Mr. Pankonin to Mr. Gorder in 1902. Mr. Gorder claimed that under the contract Mr. Pankonin agreed not to engage in the same line during the term of the lease and that the lease contained an option allowing it to be extended for a period of five years more at the end of the term.

Mr. Pankonin did not remain out of business, but engaged in the same line he had sold the good will of to Mr. Gorder. Mr. Gorder then brought suit to enjoin Mr. Pankonin from engaging in his line of business, and this case is yet pending. For some reason, probably because Mr. Pankonin had again entered business, Mr. Gorder declined to pay further rent, and the litigation now under way is to settle the question of rent.

## PLATTSMOUTH WINS BASKET BALL GAME

Defeats Auburn High School Team by a Score of 41 to 40 for the Home Team.

From Saturday's Daily.

The basket ball game between the Plattsmouth High school and Auburn High school teams was played last night to a fair-sized crowd at Coates' hall. Principal Larson is well pleased with the score made by his athletes in the second half of the game. The game was handicapped by one of the baskets having been broken down by parties who have used the hall for balls and banquets and the like, making it difficult to throw into the broken basket.

At the end of the first half of the game the score favored the visitors, standing, Auburn, 24; Plattsmouth, 18. But in the second half the home athletes were the aggressors from the start, soon making the score a tie, 24 to 24. At the end of the twenty minutes the score stood 30 to 40. During the five minutes given to play off the tie Prof. Larson's lads made 5, while the visitors scored but 4, giving the game to Plattsmouth by 1 score.

The fouls called on the two teams were the same. Principal Hare of Auburn acted as referee and Principal Larson as umpire. The line-up of the two teams was as follows: Plattsmouth, Dalton, center; Edwards and Arries, forward; Shrader and Arries, guard. Auburn—R. Smith, center; L. Smith and Keedy, forward; E. Smith and Whitmore, guard; Christner, sub.

### Visit the County Seat.

From Friday's Daily.

J. C. and Fred Dreamer of Alvo were in the city today, having driven down to look after some business matters at the county seat and visit their brother-in-law, Charles Cook and wife. These gentlemen are prominent and prosperous business men of their community and the Journal is glad to number them among its friends.

### Monster Load of Hay.

The Egenberger feed store has the belt on the largest load of hay yet delivered from the car to the store. Al Egenberger this morning loaded 82 bails of hay, weighing 5,580 pounds, on his wagon and carted the same from the M. P. freight yards to the store on Main street. Next!

"P. & B." the new 5c cigar, made in Plattsmouth. Try one.

### Off for Long Trip.

Isaac Pollard and his daughter, Mrs. Shotwell, expect to leave next week for the Panama canal zone, sight-seeing and where Mr. Pollard will personally inspect the work already done on the great canal. They have not decided whether their route will be by way of New York or New Orleans. We doubt if there is a man in the state of anything like Mr. Pollard's age, 82, who takes as much interest in what is going on over the world, or is a greater traveler to places away from the beaten paths that tourists travel. In the last three years Mr. Pollard has been to South America, Honolulu and Alaska, the trip to Alaska being made last summer, and he always brings back a few of the native trees and shrubs, usually coaxing them to grow.

Later—Mr. Pollard has changed his plans somewhat after the above was in type, and leaves Saturday evening, going by the way of New York City. They also intend to visit Cuba, Jamaica and several of the islands in that part of the south.—Nehawka News.

### Nominations Settled.

From Saturday's Daily.

There will be no need now for the national conventions to meet for the nomination of candidates, as the matter was all settled last night by the jury in the Sperry-M. P. suit. The jury is composed of representative men of Cass county and possesses some of the brainy farmers and business men of the state, and anyone who would not take their judgment on matters of state must be deficient mentally. Realizing something of the responsibility resting on them as citizens of a great country, they could not sleep until they had expressed their preference for a man to occupy the presidential chair for the next four years. A ballot was taken, first on a republican, then on a democrat, and the result is as follows: Roosevelt 9, Taft 3; Bryan 4, Harmon, 2, Wilson 6.

### Meet With Mrs. F. G. Fricke.

The regular monthly social meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of St. Paul's church was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. G. Fricke, at which time a large number of the ladies of the church and congregation were very pleasantly entertained. The afternoon hours were devoted to a social time, there being no business session held on this occasion. Other amusements were indulged in and at the usual hour delicious coffee and cake were served.