

# EAGLES' GRAND MASK BALL PROVES TO BE A MOST MAGNIFICENT SUCCESS

Dance Floor Thronged by Great Crowd in Costume, While the Balcony Was Packed With Spectators, the Hobo Band Was There in Full Force and Everybody Had a Big Time.

One of the most successful mask balls given in this city during the present season, if, in fact, not for many seasons, was the one given by the Plattsmouth Aerie of Eagles at Coates' hall last Saturday evening. We believe that there was a larger number of handsomely costumed dancers present than at any ball given in the city for a number of years. The crowd was really much too large for the hall, something rather unusual when dances are given as frequently as they have been in this city this season. The vast throng of spectators could not find room in the balcony, where all seats were taken early in the evening. This occasion certainly was a crowning success over all former occasions given by this order, who have been holding such affairs annually for many years.

The hobo band was strongly in evidence, as usual, furnishing good music and plenty of amusement for all. The M. W. A. orchestra were there also, and we do not see how a better class of music could possibly be given the merry dancers.

At the call of the grand march, about 11 o'clock, six handsomely costumed ladies placed a May pole in the center of the hall, and during the grand march gave the May pole dance. After the masks were removed the ladies proved to be Mrs. Frank Janda, Jr., Mrs. John Svoboda, Mrs. John Nemetz, Mrs. Mike Bajcek, Mrs. Andy Kroehler and Miss Mary Janda.

The following judges were selected: Mrs. Emma Nims, Mrs. George Dodge and H. S. Barthold, and the prizes were awarded as follows: Henry Egenberger, first gents' prize, a traveling set; Henry Lahoda, second gents' prize, a silk umbrella; Miss Ella Neuman, first ladies' prize, a silk umbrella; Miss Lena Hirz, second ladies' prize, a cut glass dish. The judges awarded the prizes from a character standpoint, believing that the best represented characters should receive them, and not for the handsomest costume. There seemed to be some dissatisfaction in the awarding, some believing that the handsomest costumes should have received the prizes.

After this explanation we believe that all will agree with us in saying that the awarding committee exercised excellent judgment in calling the characters they did, for they were certainly good, each and every one of them. There was no prize billed for the May pole dance, so a purse of \$3 were given them by the lodge. They were certainly deserving of this recognition.

The members of the order have requested us to extend their sincere thanks to all those who attended, and rendered their assistance in making the occasion one of the greatest events of the season. There is also some credit due the members of the lodge, from which were made the various committees who had charge of the affairs. They worked long and hard for the successful end, and they are to be congratulated.

## LOSES TWENTY HEAD OF FINE CATTLE

Mr. Will Does Not Attribute Their Death to Feeding Them Corn Fodder.

Councilman Will, who is an extensive cattle feeder, and with his sons has a large number in the yards at the present time, has had some tough luck during the past week, and has lost from his yards about twenty head of cattle. The disease is a puzzle to experienced stock men and veterinarians; some diagnosed the trouble as that of mould on the fodder. The animals attacked all show the same peculiar symptoms, and at first appear to have a sort of itching sensation, casting their heads from side to side, looking at their flanks, and after a time will seize their hind leg and try to bite a piece out of it; then, if they can get to a barbed wire fence, they will tear their hides in endeavoring to stop the itching.

Mr. Will does not attribute the trouble to mould on the corn fodder, as the cattle which have had the trouble have not been fed corn fodder, and a bunch of his cattle which he has been feeding corn

fodder and grain have not had the disease. Those he has lost died out of a lot which had been fed alfalfa meal, grain and hay. From the examinations he has made Mr. Will is of the opinion that the meal has caused the trouble. He phoned yesterday for the state veterinarian, and met No. 2 to take him out to the farm, where he expected to kill some of the animals and have a thorough investigation made of the cause of the trouble.

### More of Archembyus V. Benson.

After reading the article in the Journal relative to Archembyus V. Benson, Judge M. Archer called the writer's attention to facts he has ascertained from the Washington attorney, who also wrote Judge Archer regarding Mr. Benson heirs. Captain Isaac Wiles, M. W. Thomas and William Gilmore were members of Company H, First Nebraska. Judge Archer recalls the man as having come back to Plattsmouth after the war. Here he was married to Mrs. Finney, Mrs. C. M. Foster's mother. Mr. Benson and his wife afterward separated and Mrs. Benson assumed her former name. The soldier afterward went to Omaha, where he had relatives, and where he afterward died.

### Major Creamer Here.

Major Creamer, superintendent of buildings for the United States, residing at Council Bluffs, was in Plattsmouth again last week and caused to be added to the twenty-one tons on the last piers at the postoffice several tons more. It was the intention to place a load of thirty-five tons on the piers, and this will probably be adhered to.

## PLAYING TAG WITH LOUISVILLE BONDS

The State Auditor Says There Is Strong Doubt as to Their Validity.

According to the Lincoln Star, several state officers are playing a game of tag with the \$16,000 of Louisville municipal bonds presented to the auditor's office for registration. Auditor Barton first referred the matter to the attorney general as to whether the bonds are legally drawn. They are issued so that one bond for \$1,000 matures each year after a five-year period. The law says such bonds shall be issued for twenty years, with payment optional after five. The Louisville bonds run from five to twenty years.

Mr. Barton thought there was a strong doubt as to the validity of the issue, and when the attorney held that they are legally drawn it did not remove his impression. In delivering the issue to Treasurer George for purchase by the state, the auditor has called attention to what he considers a defect in their terms, so that the treasurer may have full knowledge of the facts before buying them as an investment.

Mr. George in turn will pass the question on to the board of educational lands and funds, of which he is one of five members. If the board should instruct him to buy the bonds, regardless of the way they are drawn, he will do so.

### In Honor of Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Crook very pleasantly entertained a few of their friends Saturday evening at their home in South Park in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Smith of Falls City, Neb., who have been visiting at the Crook home for the past few days. A pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment was the several piano selections rendered by Miss Ina Crook and the beautiful violin selections contributed by Mr. Sorensen, which were greatly appreciated. Light refreshments were served during the evening. When the hour of departure drew near, which came all too soon, the company dispersed, having had a most enjoyable time, and voting Mr. and Mrs. Crook royal entertainers. Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames Ike Smith of Falls City, Nebraska; S. G. Stone, Charles M. Manners, George Winscott; Harold and Josephine Manners, Miss Ina Crook, Guy Crook, Ray Crook and D. Sorensen.

### Telephone Companies Bought.

The Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company has reported to the railway commission that it has bought five telephone companies under the merger order issued by the commission January 8, and by an order the commission has approved the purchase of its specially preferred 5 per cent stock at a price not less than \$92 a share.

The order of approval authorizes the Lincoln company to purchase the following stocks at the prices set forth:

- Plattsmouth Telephone company, common stock, at \$74 or less per share.
- Howard County Telephone company, common stock, at \$100.
- Grand Island Telephone company, preferred stock, at \$100; common stock, \$25 or less.
- Nebraska City Telephone company, common stock, -25 or less.
- Golden Rod Telephone company of Wahoo, preferred, \$100; common, \$20.

### St. Luke's Church Last Night.

Rev. W. O. Moor, general missionary for this Episcopal diocese, preached at St. Luke's church to a fine congregation last evening. Rev. Moor had for a text, "The Spirit Truly Is Willing, but the Flesh Is Weak," and upon this theme preached a splendid discourse, the substance being how to keep Lent. Rev. Moor was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Livingston over night, returning to Omaha this morning.

The Journal office carries all kinds of typewriter supplies.

## GOOD MONEY IN GROWING APPLES

Bluff Land Along the Missouri River Should Be Adopted to Fruit Growing.

Bluff land along the Missouri river in this county should be the highest priced land in the middle west. Dr. Woodson of St. Joseph, Missouri, who is one of the most extensive apple growers in the world, says that allowing land in the bluffs worth \$50 to \$100 per acre to remain in timber or blue grass, or even in corn, is about as profitable as running a chicken ranch on city lots worth \$2,000 a front foot. Comparing 8,000 acres of corn with 8,000 acres of apple trees well cared for, he says that 8,000 acres of corn would probably give a gross return of \$320,000 and employ 100 men, while 8,000 acres of apple trees well cared for would yield a return of \$2,000,000 and give employment to several hundred men of various vocations.

He also said that it would be just as equitable to let hogs overrun a farm, as it would be to let codling moths overrun an orchard. There is a world of truth in this. The enterprising orchardists in the vicinity of Peru are taking practical steps in spreading the gospel of orcharding and grape growing, but they should have the assistance of every person and agency in the county in their work. Then, too, those persons in this county who believe that there are big fortunes in fruit growing on the Pacific coast, in the mountain valleys of Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado, on the gulf coast of Texas and in the sandy yellow pine clearings, or the everglades of Florida, should take the scales off their eyes, and with common sense realize the golden opportunities that lie nearer home.

Commercial orcharding has proven a wonderful success in this, Richardson, Olee and Cass counties, and in Mills county, Iowa. All these river bluffs are alike in their opportunities. Profitable orcharding here is a fact and not an experiment. It is foolish to go elsewhere to hunt for opportunities and pay bonanza prices for lands where the fruit is not as prolific, not as healthy, not as high flavored, and which is much further from the great consuming markets than this part of the Missouri valley.

### Works for Former Employer.

A. L. Anderson, who has been in San Antonio, Texas, for some time, has accepted a position with the Hong Kong Tea Co. again at an advanced salary. Mr. Anderson will have the same territory over which he traveled when in the company's employ before, and will make his headquarters in Plattsmouth. He had been with the Hong Kong people for eight years, and became too valuable a man in this territory for them to allow to leave Nebraska.

### The Truth.

It takes a rich man to draw a check, a pretty girl to draw attention, a horse to draw a cart, a porous plaster to draw the skin, a toper to draw a cork, a free lunch to draw a crowd, and a well displayed advertisement in this paper to draw trade.

### Invents Automatic Mail Catcher.

Floyd Rainey of Lincoln a former Cass county boy and brother of Chief of Police Ben Rainey, has invented an automatic mail catcher to deliver mail to and from moving trains, which promises to revolutionize the mail delivery service and make the inventor a wealthy man. Mr. Rainey and his partner, I. Gurwitch, worked out the invention over a year ago, but for fear that it would be stolen from them, kept their invention a secret for some months until at last they happened onto a Lincoln capitalist who helped them in financing and organizing a company for the patenting and manufacture of the device.

## BIG WRESTLING MATCH ON FRIDAY

Plattsmouth Followers of the Game Will Have a Rare Treat on Friday Evening.

A wrestling match has been arranged by the lovers of the sport to occur at the Parmele theater next Friday night. The principal event will be Jack Daily, heavyweight champion of the northwest, and Frank Schmardeer, heavyweight champion of Cass county. Daily's weight on entering the ring will be 200 pounds, while the Cass county champion tips the beam at 175.

Daily has several hotly contested matches to his credit, while Schmardeer has been taking instructions under Farmer Burns, Omaha and has never met a man who has put him on the mat. The match will be interesting and will attract those enjoying the sport for miles around.

There will be a preliminary match between Jack Tolliver, middleweight champion of Douglas county, and Joe Spence of Louisville, middleweight champion of Cass county. Tolliver's weight is 150 pounds and Spence weighs the same.

### Lands for Sale.

440 acres in southeast Greenwood county, Kansas; fenced and cross-fenced; 80 acres of rich creek bottom land in cultivation, balance finest native prairie grass (limesoil). Fair 5-room house, stabling, etc. Some bearing orchard. Lots of fine living water, which is furnished by a large creek which runs through north side of ranch. Creek is skirted with timber; cattle come off grass into deep water. This is considered to be one of the best little stock ranches in the county. School close by; fine smooth road to town. Just 5 1-2 miles from ranch to town; a nice well improved country all the way. For quick sale \$18 per acre buys this 440 acres; no trade taken on this. Has a mortgage of \$3500 that has yet three years to run. \$4420 buys the equity. Nothing better for the money. Give me to your friend if you don't want me, I must sell.

W. A. Nelson, Real Estate Broker, Fall River, Greenwood County, Kansas.

Mrs. W. H. Seybert and Mrs. A. F. Seybert spent Sunday with Plattsmouth relatives, departing for their homes at Cedar Creek on the morning train today.

## CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Celebrates Eighteenth Birthday Anniversary Saturday Evening.

A most delightful event occurred Saturday evening at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Parkening, five miles west of Plattsmouth, it being in honor of their daughter, Miss Clara's, eighteenth birthday anniversary.

The evening was spent in a delightful manner, the amusements consisting of various games and music. The music, both vocal and instrumental, was furnished by Misses Mayme Keil and Ola Kaffenberger. Miss Clara received many beautiful and useful presents, and at midnight a two-course luncheon was served, which was one of the pleasant features of the evening. At a late hour all departed for their homes, wishing Miss Clara many happy returns of the day.

Those who participated in this enjoyable occasion were: Misses Mayme and Adelia Heil, Vera Propost, Florence and Robt. Richardson, Emily Warner, Mildred Snyder, Ola, Mina, Goldie and Gladys Kaffenberger, Margareta and Clara Parkening; Messrs. Wayne Propst, Will Wetenkamp, Bryan Snyder, Rudolph Heil, Adam Meisinger, Frank Keiser of Benson, Otto H. Parkening of Omaha, and John, Emil, Willie and Leonard Parkening; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kaffenberger, Mrs. Fred Keiser and daughter, Ella, of Benson, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Parkening.

### Boys' Corn-Growing Contest.

The Nebraska state board of agriculture offers to the Nebraska boy under 18 years of age growing the largest yield of corn from one acre of Nebraska land during the year 1912, \$25; second, \$20; third, \$15; fourth, \$10; fifth to eighth, \$5 each; ninth to twelfth, \$4 each, and thirteenth to sixteenth, \$3 each, and to the boy growing the largest yield on an acre of land west of the east line of Boyd, Holt, Wheeler, Greeley, Howard, Hall, Adams and Webster counties, \$25; second, \$15; third and fourth, \$5 each; fifth and sixth, \$4 each; seventh to tenth, \$3 each, and twelfth to sixteenth, \$2 each.

### Injured at Play.

Ernest Smith, son of Joe Smith, while snow-balling with a number of other boys yesterday afternoon, was struck on the nose with a snowball, which discolored that organ, as well as both eyes. A physician was consulted and the youth made as comfortable as possible. He was still confined to his bed this morning when his father came down town.

### Death of 6-Weeks-Old Babe.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Madsen of this city received a message from Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster of Nelsonville, Ohio, conveying to them the sad intelligence of the death of their 6-weeks-old babe, which occurred last night. Mrs. Lancaster was formerly Miss Cecilia Madsen, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Madsen.

FOR RENT—Six-room house. Splendid condition. Rent, \$8.00. Mrs. M. A. Dickson, Wintersteen Hill. 2-12-1wk-d&wkly

FINAL CLEAN UP THIS WEEK —all Suits and Overcoats selling regularly from \$15.00 to \$30.00, now

**\$10, \$14, \$18**

A SMALL LINE OF SILK LISLE Hose—famous Gordon full fashioned quality, regular price 50c, this week 25c; shades navy, tan, gray, wine and green.

New Spring goods arriving every day.

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