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KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF SECURITY CELEBRATE SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

Platte Council Addressed by Col. Dempster and Wife of Omaha, Mrs. Clark of Nebraska City and Mr. Shallenberger of Kansas Splendid Musical Program Rendered.

From Friday's Daily.

The Knights and Ladies of Security celebrated the sixteenth anniversary of the organization of their local camp last night, and a large audience of members and their invited guests assembled at the M. W. A. hall in the Coates' block to participate in the festivities. The M. W. A. orchestra furnished some delightful music and a short program, consisting of readings and addresses by visitors from abroad, with vocal and piano numbers pleasantly interspersed.

Colonel Dempster and his estimable wife of Omaha, who were instrumental in organizing the council, Platte Council No. 372, were guests of honor, as well as Mrs. Clark of Nebraska City, grand conductress of the national council, Mr. Ed Shallenberger of Topeka, Kansas, national organizer, and Mr. Murphy of Table Rock, all of whom were introduced by Chairman Windham and delivered short addresses.

At 7:30 p. m. the members began to arrive. A committee composed of Judge Beeson, C. A. Marshall and Hon. R. B. Windham escorted the guests from the hotel, arriving at the hall shortly before 8 o'clock, and soon thereafter the president of the council, Mrs. Laura Thrasher, rapped the assembled company to order, announcing the reason for assembling at this time, and invited Past President R. B. Windham to take the chair during the presentation of the program.

With a few preliminary remarks the chairman at once announced the program would proceed, but there would be no encores, as a committee had prepared refreshments in the dining room and some time would be required to serve the 250 persons present.

After a number from the orchestra, Mrs. Clark of Nebraska City, one of the national officers, gave a five-minute talk, which was much appreciated by all present. A baritone solo by Don York, with E. H. Westcott as accompanist, brought forth much applause, as did piano numbers by Mr. Westcott and Francis Whelan. A quartet composed of Mrs. R. B. Hayes, Miss Ferris York, Miss Ethel Crabill and Miss Leona Brady, was warmly received, as was a cornet solo by Ed Schulof, and the violin solo by E. W. Mamm.

Colonel Dempster, on being introduced, spoke for about ten minutes, recalling the work done here sixteen years ago, and congratulated the council on making so handsome an increase during the quarter just closed and complimented the members for having with them the state prize banner for the greatest number of members received during the quarter.

The chairman stated that the next speaker whom he would call on was not on the program, but he would vary the arrangements somewhat, and introduced Mrs. Dempster, who spoke very pleasantly for five minutes. Mrs. Dempster spoke of her pleasant associations with the work on the organizing of the council, and the aid she gave her husband in securing members, stating that as the matter of taking women into the insurance lodge at that time was somewhat new, and many of the men approached by her husband were already supplied with insurance, she was always able to put in more members than the Colonel. Her remarks were followed by a short talk given by Mr. Murphy of Table Rock, who came to the meeting at the invitation of the district deputy, G. L. Farley.

The chairman then introduced Mr. Shallenberger, national field worker for the order, who spoke at some length on the strong features of the Knights and Ladies of Security as a fraternal insurance order. He dwelt on the importance of the amount paid to beneficiaries being produced by the beneficiaries, and the feature of this society, in compelling every member to pay just what his insurance cost to carry it. The speaker said, in substance, that it had been ascertained that only 40 per cent of the policies written were paid out by the company, as 60 per cent went out in lapses. From this he reasoned that it cost \$400 to pay each \$1,000 at risk or thereabouts. For this reason the order made its policies in such a way that a person going in the order and dying the first year, the beneficiary got the face of the policy, less the \$400 over cost per thousand, which was deducted and placed in a reserve fund for the benefit of those who paid in longer. The plan was fair and equitable to all. In this way a member did not, by the payment of a dollar, become entitled to have his beneficiary draw out one thousand, and leave nothing for the payment of those who remained in and paid for years. The plan had been adopted for the protection of all, and every member stood on the same footing with every other member. The dead members' years ago dying the first year, their policies helped to pay the insurance of everyone dying since.

Mr. Shallenberger presented the prize banner to Platte council and assured the members that it would not have been presented if it had not been earned by their energy and toil. He was glad to be present for the purpose of handing over the banner, although he thought that at the end of the quarter the banner would return to Lincoln, as he expected to have about twelve hundred new members added there by the end of March.

Mrs. A. J. Beeson gave a reading, which was enthusiastically applauded and encored, but on account of the rule announced by the chairman, she did not respond. The dining room was then thrown open and the company served while the orchestra gave some of its best selections. The chairs were removed from the center of the hall and many of the younger members indulged in dancing. There were two bobbed loads of members came up from Mynard to join in the celebration.

It was past the hour of midnight when all were served, and the committee on whom rested the burden of serving the refreshments, are entitled to much credit for the very able and systematic manner in which the task was performed. Mrs. J. M. Leyda, as chairman of the committee, is deserving of special mention for her efficient management of the dining room and details.

Bert Young Here.

From Friday's Daily.

Bert Young of Alberta, Canada, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Frank Young, of Murray, for a time, was in the city Wednesday night to attend the M. W. A. meeting. Mr. Young has been farming in Canada for the past two or three years and is very favorably impressed with the soil and climate. He owns a good farm there, on which he resides.

He expects to return to Canada in a few weeks. Mr. Young is a former Cass county boy and we are glad to see him getting on so nicely in the world.

Adam Hild and son, P. A. Hild, of the vicinity of Mynard, were visitors in the city today. Mr. Adam Hild was a pleasant caller at this office and renewed the subscription of the paper going to Philip Hild at Green Valley, Ill.

PURLOINER OF MANY ARTICLES ARRESTED

Sheriff Quinton Goes to Nebraska City to Get Elmer Gray, Charged With Burglary.

From Friday's Daily.

Sheriff Quinton went to Nebraska City Wednesday to get Elmer Gray, who is charged with the burglary in the night season perpetrated at Nehawka in the station of the Missouri Pacific railway a short time ago, where he stole money and two shotguns. A complaint was filed before Judge Archer today and the preliminary hearing had and the young man bound over to the next term of the district court.

The Otoe county authorities held Gray for stealing a phonograph and clock and other articles from Walter Olson, the farmer, who recently recovered judgment in the district court of this county for the death of his child, caused by a defective road near Union.

The prisoner was arrested by Sheriff Fischer of Otoe county on information furnished by a Missouri Pacific detective. Gray was located in a tent in the woods near Wyoming, and numerous articles taken from the vicinity were taken with him to the city. The corridor of the Otoe county court house resembled a second-hand store, with harness, blankets and numerous articles strewn about.

The parents of the young man and two brothers, with six head of horses, were recently in Auburn and drove north, camping south of Nebraska City, where two of the horses died. When young Gray was first arrested, he admitted that his father was with him on his raids, but when told that his father would also be arrested and taken to Plattsmouth, he weakened and confessed that he had committed the thefts alone. Young Gray implicated another party in the thefts, but does not give a sufficient description to aid the authorities in making his arrest.

Young Gray was arraigned before Judge Archer this afternoon at 1 o'clock and pleaded guilty to burglarizing the M. P. station at Nehawka. He will probably receive his sentence tomorrow or as soon as Judge Travis returns from Papillion.

Married in Omaha.

Frank Sherwood and Miss Carrie Huxhorn, residing a few miles northeast of here, went to Omaha Wednesday morning, and when they returned yesterday they were Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood. Further particulars regarding the wedding could not be had by The Ledger. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huxhorn and is a very popular young lady who has many friends in this vicinity. Frank Sherwood is one of our energetic and prosperous farmers and most of his past life was spent in this part of the county, where he has a splendid reputation for integrity and good citizenship. The Ledger joins their many friends in extending hearty congratulations.—Union Ledger.

Very Pleasantly Entertained.

From Friday's Daily.

The members and friends of the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church were very pleasantly entertained in the church parlors by Mesdames Archer, Andrews and Babbitt yesterday afternoon. During the early hours of the afternoon the ladies held their usual business session. After this session the ladies spent a few most enjoyable hours in conversation and other diversions. The usual large number were in attendance and all report a most excellent afternoon's entertainment. A delicious luncheon was served, which was very much appreciated.

Mrs. L. C. Hansen, wife of one of the prosperous Madison county farmers, who has been visiting Mrs. J. C. Peterson and family for a time, departed for her home via Omaha this morning. Mrs. Peterson accompanied her guest to Omaha for the day.

Wrestling Match.

From Friday's Daily.

A. W. Vallery, catch-as-catch-can champion wrestler of Mynard, met his Waterloo last night at Union when William Doty of Weeping Water, champion of Weeping Water city and precinct, laid his two shoulders gently on the mat two times in rapid succession. Mr. Vallery took his defeat philosophically, and after a few months training may enter the ring again.

LAUGHABLE EXPERIENCES WE HAVE HAD

If We Publish the News We Are Censured by Some, and by Others if We Don't.

The editor has laughable experiences when it comes to suiting the general public. There are numerous conflicting requests at times. In one instance a lady asks us not to mention the illness of a brother, as she did not wish relatives living in another state to know of his illness. The brother's illness was not made public, and the result was while the sister was suited other relatives of the family criticised us for being grossly careless in omitting the mention.

One man has the misfortune to have a team run away and damage themselves and the vehicle to which they are attached. He requests that no mention be made of the runaway, explaining that the horses are for sale and for buyers to know that they run away will be against making a good sale. The next man who had a team run away feels neglected if no mention is made of it.

One man sells a farm and does not want the price per acre made public, while the buyer of the farm requests we give the price. A young man about to be married makes the request that we make no public announcement of the approaching event. The mother of one of the contracting parties visits us and offers criticism because the announcement of the marriage was not made in the paper, as that of James Jones and Susan Brown.

There is not a week passes but that the editor of a country paper is requested to withhold a bit of news, and on the other hand there are those who are eagerly waiting to offer criticism if such news is withheld.

Piano Recital.

From Friday's Daily.

The University School of Music held their piano recital at the studio of Miss Kittie Cummings last evening. It was largely attended by the students of this city and their friends and was certainly a rare musical treat. Those fortunate enough to be present had but the one objection, and that was that the program was entirely too brief for they would have been pleased to have Miss Cave render several more numbers. This recital was given by Miss Nell Cave of Lincoln and she is certainly a finished musician, her playing denoting much practice and care of training. For about an hour Miss Cave kept her audience thoroughly at attention, each number being rendered in a very brilliant and artistic manner.

The following program was given:

Chopin...Scherzo, B flat minor
Schumann...Romance
Novellette.
Schuetz...Valse, a Vien Aimee
Chopin...Nocturne F Sharp Major
Grieg...To Spring
Norwegian Bridal Procession.
Leshetzky...Tocatta
Leitz-Rigoletto...Verdi

After this delightful program of music an informal reception was held, during which time those present were given an opportunity to become acquainted with Miss Cave. Those in attendance at the recital last evening trust they may have the privilege of hearing Miss Cave again in the very near future.

Mrs. Cooper in Critical Condition.

From Saturday's Daily.

Mrs. Cooper, who has been visiting friends in this vicinity for some weeks, is critically ill at the home of Mrs. H. J. Streight. Her condition last night and this morning was precarious and her children have been notified. One son, Lem Cooper, is in the navy department in New York; another, Bert Cooper, is in the railway service in Washington, D. C. Her daughter, Mrs. Vannatta, arrived this morning from Cripple Creek, Colo. Len Cooper is on his way to Nebraska, having left New York last night.

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T. T. Wilkinson Very Sick.

From Friday's Daily.

G. E. Green of Albia, Iowa, returned to his home this morning, after visiting his old-time friend, T. T. Wilkinson. Mr. Wilkinson has been suffering from an attack of rheumatism for the past two weeks and is helpless, with no one at hand to wait on him except his wife. Mr. Wilkinson is now 67 years of age, and has been a hard working man all his life, and he has the sympathy of his good neighbors in his affliction.

CASS COUNTY BOYS PROVE THE WINNERS

Schmarderer and Spence Both Again Come Out of the Contest Victorious.

From Saturday's Daily.

One of the biggest crowds yet assembled to witness a match was on hand at the Louisville opera house last night to witness the go between Schmarderer and Cal Woods and Joe Spence and Orville Woods of Norfolk. Mart Williams was a game sport of that vicinity refereed the bouts. Several Plattsmouth men went out on No. 33 and returned last night on No. 10 and were much pleased with the way the Cass county champions cleaned up the visitors. A lively preliminary bout took place between Quinn of Manley and Lee of Louisville. This was a single round match, and the Louisville boy won it in seventeen minutes.

Joe Spence of Louisville, the boy who threw Jack Tolliver here a week ago two out of three falls, was too much for the Madison county champion, and at the end of fourteen minutes of fast work got his opponent's two shoulders to the mat, and Referee Williams declared the bout was Spence's. The next round lasted but six minutes when the Madison county boy had to succumb to the skill and strength of the Louisville champion. The applause given Spence was tumultuous and lasted for several seconds. The excitement of the spectators was at fever heat when the match between Schmarderer weighing 175 pounds, and Cal Woods weighing 200, was called. Woods' friends were willing to back the skill and strength of their champion and it was rumored they had wagered quite a sum on the prowess of the Madison county man. The first go was exciting from the start, and the spectators were brought to their feet several times to watch the contestants worn out of a close place. At the end of sixteen minutes the Louisville champion was declared the winner of the bout, and excitement running high. The next round was fast and furious, and ended in six minutes; again Schmarderer was the victor over the Madison county man. Lee Fickler, J. E. McDaniel and Fred Egenberger, of this city, witnessed the match.

Scarborough Scarred Up.

From Saturday's Daily.

Teddy Scarborough employed at the Burlington planing mill had the misfortune, yesterday, to get his hand mixed up with one of the swift moving circular saws, with the usual result, the saw un-damaged but Teddy almost lost a thumb. He was holding a piece of timber and was closer to the saw than he thought when his attention was attracted for a second resulting in getting his right thumb in the path of the saw teeth. Several stitches of the company surgeon were required to make the injured member look as good as new, and Teddy will have to wait several days for the cut to heal.

Mrs. Palmer Critically Ill.

From Saturday's Daily.

Word was received in the city last night that Mrs. Captain Palmer is lying critically ill at the home of her daughter, in New York City, and her death hourly expected. It has been less than a year since Captain Palmer died at his home in Omaha. Mrs. Palmer has a large circle of warm friends in this city who will hope for her recovery.

INTELLIGENT BUYERS TRADE AT HOME

Thoughtful Thinks for Those Who Persist in Buying Goods Away From Home.

One of the great reasons for patronizing home trade is that it offers the best facilities for intelligent buying. Time spent talking over a purchase with an intelligent salesman is well invested. From our personal observation, it seems to us that our merchants are making more and more effort as years go by to drill their salespeople in ability to impart intelligent information.

A good clerk does not feel satisfied with a sale unless she has a reason to think that a customer has secured something that really fits her needs, and that has sufficient quality to be economical in the long run. The great majority of our salespeople, as it seems to us, make a consistent effort to render this service.

We have visited great stores in distant cities where a very different story would have to be told. The larger portion of the clerks looked like heedless young folks whose minds were on theaters and dances and who were too immature to fit themselves to sell goods intelligently. Furthermore, when you buy goods in a home store you have time to talk your purchase over with the clerk. On a hurried shopping excursion to some distant city, or still worse, on a mail purchase, you do not find or take the time necessary to get the bottom facts, even if the clerks are able and willing to give them.

W. H. Thompson in Town.

From Friday's Daily.

Hon. W. H. Thompson of Grand Island and a candidate on the democratic ticket for United States senator, arrived in the city last evening. He registered at the Riley, where a few of the faithful dropped in to entertain him. His coming was not generally known, or he would have had more out to pay their respects to the distinguished gentleman. Billy Thompson is no stranger to those who bear the democratic brand, as those who do not know him personally know of his splendid work in the democratic harness for many years past. He is always a democrat, and the night was never too dark or the weather too bad for him to go when the success of democracy was at stake. Mr. Thompson made a very creditable race for governor ten years ago, when conditions were not nearly so ripe for democratic success as they have been since and are now. The party owes Mr. Thompson some recognition on account of his ability and fidelity to the party in whose interests he has so long faithfully labored. He possesses all the necessary requirements to fill the position of United States senator with credit to himself and the people of Nebraska. And he found many supporters in this city who have the utmost confidence in his ability to fill the bill to the very letter.

Files for Commissioner.

From Friday's Daily.

Walt Goehenour of near Murray, Wednesday filed his nomination certificate with County Clerk Morgan, avowing his candidacy on the republican ticket for the office of county commissioner in the First commissioner's district.

For Sale.

Some good first-class prairie hay, on farm eight miles west of Plattsmouth.

R. L. Propst, Mynard.