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OMAHA SYMPHONY STUDY ORCHESTRA GIVES CONCERT AT THE PARMELE

Organization Under Leadership of Prof. Cox Pleases and Delights the Audience by Their Skillful and Beautiful Rendition of the Program of Classic Music Last Evening.

From Friday's Daily.
The Omaha Symphony Study Orchestra, directed by Prof. Henry Cox, presented by the Plattsmouth Players' club at the Parmele, played to a fairly well-filled house last night. The audience showed its appreciation of Prof. Cox and his sixty skilled musicians by frequent applause, and at the close of the program gave Mr. Cox an ovation, the applause lasting several minutes; in fact, until he reappeared and directed another splendid composition, not on the regular program.

Mr. Cox is a musical genius and has been a director of large musical organizations since he was a mere lad of 14. He is a graduate of the Des Moines Conservatory of Music and later took a post-graduate course from the best masters at Berlin. He has had the directorship of the Omaha Symphony Orchestra for the past two years and has brought it up to one of the leading musical organizations of Omaha or the west. He is proud of the sixty players which compose the orchestra, every one of whom is an artist with the instrument played, and many of them are not confined to one instrument, but play different ones skillfully.

The selections on last night's program were from the recognized masters in musical composition and all of them classical.

Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven furnished the overture and symphonies for the first part of the program, and the masterly manner in which Mr. Cox brought out the expression and thought of the masters went straight to the hearts of his audience. The sixty musicians played with a precision and touch that appealed to everyone. Nothing in a musical line has ever been given in the city which so appealed to the music-loving public as the performance of last evening. The Hungarian dances in G and D minor by Brahms were beautiful numbers of the more plaintive style and brought forth much merited applause.

As Prof. Cox lowered his baton at the close of the last performance and started off of the stage, H. S. Austin, instructor, arose in his seat in his box and requested Prof. Cox to pause a moment while he expressed the appreciation of the club and the music-loving public of Plattsmouth, of this splendid performance and the opportunity afforded them for hearing such high-class music as was rendered by Mr. Cox's skilled musicians. To which Mr. Cox bowed his acknowledgement. Everyone who expressed themselves spoke in the highest praise of the orchestra and its director, saying that they had enjoyed a treat seldom, if ever, heard in this city.

DEATH OF MRS. SUSAN BEAN AT TOPEKA

Mother of Mrs. Isaac Cummings Passes Away at the Age of Nearly 86 Years.

Died, on January 19th, 1912, at the home of son-in-law, William H. Moffet, on the corner of Ohio and Goldfinch avenues, Topeka, Mrs. Susana Bean, aged 85 years, 7 months and 9 days, of paralysis and general debility. Miss Susana Stenciliff was born in Athens county, Ohio, on June 10th, 1826. Her mother died when she was 2 years old, when she was taken to Jackson county, Ohio, remaining there until she was 16 years old, then moved to Henry county, Iowa, living there until her seventeenth birthday, when she became acquainted with and was married to Alexander Bean. She continued to reside there for thirteen years, then moved to Putnam county, Missouri, afterward to Mitchell county, Kansas, in the early days. They lived there until the year 1891, when they sold out and moved to Taney county, Missouri, remaining there two years, then again moved to Topeka, Kansas, where she lost her husband by death.

Mother Bean was converted at 17 years of age and joined the M. E. church. Mother Bean was a zealous church worker until eight years ago, when she suffered a stroke of paralysis, depriving her of the use of her speech, but while she suffered this sad affliction she ever maintained a quiet, cheerful disposition, and by her signs ever sought to impress on all that she was only abiding her time when God should call her home. In all her suffering and sickness she ever maintained a beautiful, loving, resigned and Christ-like disposition.

Mother Bean was the mother of twelve children, four boys and eight girls, all living and married. There were at her bedside at her death seven of her daughters as follows: Mrs. M. J. Covert of Glen Elder, Kansas; Mrs. M. H. Cummings of Plattsmouth, Nebraska; Mrs. M. M. Denny of Burlington, Kansas; Mr. Laf. Howey and wife of Harveyville, Kansas; Mr. R. B. Hastings and wife of Topeka, Kansas; Mr. William H. Moffet and wife of Topeka, Kansas; Mr. J. S. Stearns and wife of Topeka, Kansas.

Mother Bean was the mother of twelve children, sixty grandchildren, ninety-eight great grandchildren, and ten great-great grandchildren, making a total of 180 descendants in all.

Snow-Bound at Plattsmouth.

C. F. Vallery, one of the leading and prosperous farmers residing five miles west of the city, left his home Tuesday morning for Plattsmouth, and did not show up at home any more until Wednesday evening after the farm chores were all done. He squared himself with his wife by informing her that the road was simply impassable and that he started home alright and got as far as Henry Born's farm and could not make it any further. Will Rummel came to town over the same route on horseback the next morning and said he had no trouble at all in getting through; in fact, he wished afterwards that he had brought his team.

New Hotel Proprietor.

Daniel Farnam and wife arrived Wednesday night from Lincoln to take charge of the "Wegota hotel," and became proprietors yesterday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Farnam have had much experience in the hotel business and know how to handle it successfully. They have many friends here who are pleased to have them locate in this village. Ed Leach has other business that requires his attention, hence his desire to retire from the hotel.—Union Ledger.

Mrs. W. J. Hartwick visited the metropolis this morning, going on the early train to spend the day in the city.

Mrs. Tillman Better Yesterday.

From Friday's Daily.
Mrs. Fred Clugey returned from Union yesterday evening, where she had spent the day with her sister, Mrs. Tillman, who was operated on a few days ago, and left her feeling a little better. One of the alarming features of Mrs. Tillman is that she has sinking spells, but her friends hope for her recovery, although she is far from being out of danger.

A COUNTY SEAT TOWN ON PAPER

Prairie City Located in the Geographical Center of Cass County in May, 1857.

Andy Harwick, the accommodating mail carrier, who takes Uncle Sam's mail sacks to the M. P. and return several times daily, is the possessor of a relic which indicates that as early as 1857 enterprising gentlemen planned to have the metropolis of Cass county situated on a part of the Walker section and adjoining lands. The name of the county seat, had the plans been carried out, would have been Prairie City. The relic is a share of stock, "No. 53," and states on its face as follows:

"Certificate of stock, which positively entitles (blank) or assigns, to twelve undivided lots in Prairie City, Cass Co., N. T. Prairie City is located at the geographical center of Cass county, N. T., and embraces the following lands: The S. E. qr. of sec. No. 16, the S. W. qr. of sec. No. 15, the N. W. qr. of sec. No. 22, and the N. E. qr. of sec. No. 24, in township 11, north of range No. 12, east of 6th principal meridian, containing six hundred and forty acres and two thousand five hundred and forty lots. The town site is located on a beautiful rolling prairie, with abundance of timber, rock and stone-coal in the immediate vicinity. From its position it must be chosen as the county seat of Cass county on its removal from its present location at Plattsmouth. Lots are to be distributed by drawing on the 5th day of May, 1857, unless a majority of the stockholders shall otherwise determine. A reservation of one hundred and forty lots is made in case the county seat of Cass county is located at Prairie City. (Signed) William Garrison, Pres't. L. D. Simpson, Sec'y. Dated January 1, 1857."

The land where this thriving city was planned and platted on paper is situated about sixteen miles southwest of Plattsmouth, and just where the stone-coal mines were situated in the vicinity is not known now, although some time in the future they may be discovered.

Band Concert Soon.

The Burlington band contemplates giving another of their fine concerts very soon after Easter. They boys have always pleased the public immensely with their public performances, and it is safe to predict that this concert will be the best one the boys have given in the city. There is a movement on foot to add a novel feature and combine the moving picture exhibit with the band music, and arrangements are being made with Mr. Schlaes to put on an hour of fine pictures and the band put on an hour of fine music, all for the price of one show. A program of this character would be most entertaining and no doubt would prove an attractive entertainment. We hope to see the band go right on with the arrangements, and we firmly believe that a big house would turn out and a neat sum be realized for new uniforms.

Watching the Bridge.

From Saturday's Daily.
Frank Johnson boarded No. 15 for Oreadopolis this morning, where he went to look after the Pollock-Duff bridge, and to blast the gorges of ice should any accumulate against the piers. The river is just about bank-full of water and the ice floats on top.

For sale bills and all other kinds of job work call at the Journal

C. W. POOL WITH- DRAWS FROM RACE

Charges Anti-Saloon League is Out for Metcalfe and Using That Organization in Fight.

C. W. Pool withdrew his filing as a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor yesterday and issued a statement that the action of the progressive conference on Tuesday had so adjusted affairs that it would be embarrassing to his friends for him to remain longer in the contest. His ultimate retirement from the contest has been prophesied and rumored almost from the time the three contestants entered the field. It has been vigorously denied at every opportunity by Mr. Pool, but continued to exist. Mr. Pool indicated that his determination to withdraw came rather suddenly, that he had intended to take part in the democratic love-feast at Kearney last night and had prepared for the effort, and that not until after he had digested the action of the progressive democrats did he fully make up his mind to retire and give a clear field to Mr. Morehead in his contest against R. L. Metcalfe for the nomination.

Among other things Mr. Pool stated after his withdrawal was that Mr. Metcalfe had the solid support of the Anti-Saloon league and was using that organization as a nucleus in his fight. He charged that representatives of the Anti-Saloon league had come into his county, Johnson, secured a complete poll list and had mailed out Metcalfe's lithographs and literature extensively. It was his deliberate opinion that much money was being spent in behalf of Mr. Metcalfe, so much that his means, Mr. Pool's paled into insignificance in comparison.—Lincoln Journal.

HOW ABOUT COM- MON HONESTY

Thought Upon Which the School Teacher Might Instruct and Pastor Preach a Sermon.

A visitor to our office the other day was speaking of a certain man who is well known among his friends for his vigorous condemnation of the evils of "big business" and political graft. Yet it was said that this very man was known in inside circles to follow the custom of tipping off the buyer of a certain corporation, in order to secure contracts for supplies. Resolutions and investigations of congress, prosecutions in the courts, will amount to little so long as this yellow streak runs through the daily life of our people.

Did you ever notice what a tremendous vote the politician can get who acquires a reputation for smartness and who is energetic in defense of the special interests of some particular class? Proved dishonesty will be ignored if he gets our bills through. We wish our school teachers would stop about once a fortnight from their lessons about the geography of Kamechatka, and give a solemn talk to the youngsters, telling them what a cad and a cur a man or boy becomes who does not give everyone an absolutely square deal in business. Also that our ministers would omit about once a year one of their sermons on the doctrine of the trinity and talk about common honesty.

Will Undergo Operation.

From Friday's Daily.
Lester Dalton, the High school student, who played center in the Plattsmouth High school basketball team this winter, was suddenly seized with appendicitis last night. His case was so alarming that, acting on the advice of the physician, Mr. Dalton took him to the hospital this afternoon, going on the fast mail.

Miss Marie Douglass returns to Lincoln tomorrow, after spending the spring vacation with the home folks.

Snow-Bound in Kansas.

Mrs. Hewett, who had been visiting her sister, Miss Hempel, for a time, left for her home at Greenleaf, Kansas, last Wednesday. At Waterville, Kansas, the train ran into a snow storm with such monstrous drifts that the train was tied up at Waterville, a town of about 1,000 population, for three days, Mrs. Hewett not being able to reach her home until Sunday. The hotel facilities would not accommodate the train-load of people, and the people generously opened their homes to the snow-bound travelers.

DECIDES INSURANCE CASE FOR PLAINTIFF

An Interesting Problem of the Liability on the Part of Platte Insurance Company.

From Friday's Daily.

The knotty problem of liability or no liability on the part of the Platte Mutual Insurance company, on a policy issued to Mrs. Sarah McElwain, was up to the court last night, after hearing the evidence of both sides and the pros and cons of the case. The case was argued by Mr. Tidd for plaintiff, and Mr. Dwyer for defendant, both gentlemen citing numerous authorities for their contentions.

The theory of the defense was that a renewal policy had been issued by the company and mailed to Mrs. McElwain, and enclosed with the policy a written statement that the premium was so much, giving the amount, and that if not satisfactory to return the policy, or if satisfactory to remit the premium. This was the testimony of H. R. Gering, then secretary of the company, who further testified that the policy was not returned, neither was the premium paid. On the other hand, B. A. McElwain testified that he paid the premium in cash himself, but took no receipt.

The value of the property was shown and the cost of rebuilding after the fire. The high character of the witnesses swearing to directly opposite state of facts relative to the payment of the premium renders the case peculiarly hard and one which a reasonable person could take either horn of the dilemma and be backed up by the evidence.

The amount in controversy was \$400 and interest and \$50 attorney fee. After hearing the arguments and considering the evidence the court handed down a decision rendering judgment for the full amount asked, which was \$438 and \$50 attorney fee.

OLD TIME JOKE PASSES AWAY

What Has Become of the Robust Old-Fashioned April Fool Jokes We Used to Have?

Where is the wool doughnut, so fried and browned in fat as to deceive the very elect? Where is the empty purse nailed down to the sidewalk? Where is the April Fool placard attached to the back of the sedate and conservative citizen as he marches majestically through the streets of the town?

April Fool's day, like St. Valentine and many other traditional old customs, seems largely to have fallen into the hands of the youngsters. Annually we still hear Tommy asking Johnny if he sees the bird up in that tree, or if he is going to the circus this afternoon. But it is several years since our wife has tried to fool us, or we have tried to fool her. Perish the thought, but are we growing old?

Anyway, we must admit our admiration for the people who still retain enough of play spirit and the child heart to keep up the pranks and festivals of childhood. There are still adults who get more fun out of the candles and glitter of the Christmas tree than from the most expensive present. And one hopes there are still households in which the sporting chance of fooling your better half is much more interesting than a flier in stocks.

WRESTLING MATCH AT THE MAJESTIC

Fast and Furious Contest Between A. W. Vallery and William Doty.

From Friday's Daily.

The wrestling match at the Majestic last night, which was to have been a go between A. W. Vallery, champion of Plattsmouth and the precinct, and Lee Fickler, did not transpire, Mr. Fickler having been advised to go to the hospital within a few days, did not care to go on the mat. William Doty took his place and the patrons of the Majestic witnessed one of the best matches of the winter. Fickler consented to referee the match between Vallery and Doty.

Vallery weighed in at 150 pounds, while his substituted opponent tipped the beam at 183 pounds. The first round lasted for nineteen minutes, Doty winning the fall, but for a time it appeared that the big athlete, although a skilled wrestler, had met his equal in the untrained farmer boy. Vallery would pick his opponent up like he was a lightweight, but was unable to get his two shoulders on the mat.

The second round lasted seventeen minutes by the watch and was a fast and furious bout, and was won by Doty, but at no time did he have easy work. Vallery, with a little training, would be a hard man to throw for the best of them.

As a preliminary to the match between Vallery and Doty a match between "Sunny" Kopsichke and young Maybee was staged, it being a lively two-round go, Kopsichke winning both falls.

Martin Ruby Here.

From Friday's Daily.
Martin Ruby of McCook arrived last night and will visit his son, Thomas, and old-time neighbors and friends in the vicinity of Mynard and Murray. Mr. Ruby is engaged in the plumbing business at McCook and is doing nicely.

Sheriff Quinton was called to Louisville, this morning on official business, and went out on No. 29.

A Delightful Social Meeting.

The members of the Order of the Eastern Star assembled at their lodge rooms Wednesday evening for the purpose of participating in a purely social meeting. No business matters of any sort were transacted, but a genuine good time, the kind the members of this organization are accustomed to having, was had. The hours just simply flew, as they indulged in various games, conversation and other stunts too numerous to mention, all of which furnished plenty of enjoyment. Just previous to the close of this delightful social meeting the members repaired to the banquet room, where a fine lunch was in readiness for them, and which all pronounced as being just simply fine. There was so much doing that the hour for departure arrived entirely too soon, but all report this social meeting the best in some time.

For County Commissioner.

August Nolting, one of the substantial German farmers of Plattsmouth precinct, is a candidate for county commissioner, subject to the will of the democrats of Cass county, at the primary election on April 19. Mr. Nolting has been a resident of the county many years, and by his genial manners and honesty and integrity can count many genuine good friends among those who have known him for so many years. He is well fitted for county commissioner, and if nominated and elected the people can depend upon having a public servant who will carefully guard the interests of the taxpayers all alike. August Nolting is, in the fullest sense of the term, a good man and splendid citizen.

Stork Visits Chris Metzger Home.

From Friday's Daily.
Hon. Chris Metzger and wife are the proud parents of a fine baby girl which the stork left at their home this morning, and Papa Metzger wears that broad smile that won't come off when greeting his friends today. The mother and babe are doing well, and Chris is jubilant. May the little lady live long to be a source of happiness and to gladden the hearts of her fond parents is the wish of the Journal.