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SCHOOL CHILDREN TO DECORATE GRAVES OF THE SOLDIER DEAD

G. A. R. Asks Superintendent Abbott to Take Charge of the Program and He Appoints Committees to Arrange for the Proper Observance of the Nation's Day of Mourning.

Every since the organization of the G. A. R. at the close of the war for the express purpose of keeping alive patriotism and the memory of the soldier who wore the blue, it has been the belief that the public schools was one of the ideal places to teach love of country, as well as gratitude to the soldiers who died in their country's defense, as well as those who exposed their lives on the field of battle and have since died. For this purpose May 30 has been declared a special holiday, set apart for the decoration of the graves of the soldiers dead, and the solemn duty has been well performed each year by the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps.

But it is now fifty years since the outbreak of the war, and the "boys" of twenty then, are now men of seventy, and should be relieved from every care that can be borne by younger persons, and during the past four or five years it has been the judgment of members of the G. A. R. that the decoration day services should be placed in the care of the public schools, and the old soldiers, whose ranks are yearly decreasing, be allowed to rest from the care and perplexing details of arranging programs and selecting committees.

With this object in view, a committee composed of William McCauley, Thomas Wiles, R. B. Windham and J. H. Thrasher, appointed from the local G. A. R. post, called on Superintendent

Abbott recently with the request that he take the chairmanship of a citizens' committee and call to his assistance such public-spirited men as he should deem necessary, and this committee arrange for a suitable observance of Decoration day.

Mr. Abbott began to busy himself right away and at once appointed an executive committee composed of himself as chairman, naming the following: Mayor John P. Sattler, Secretary of the Commercial Club A. L. Tidd, R. B. Windham of the G. A. R., and Mrs. Alice Cowles of the W. R. C. As chairman of the executive committee, Mr. Abbott arranged for the Presbyterian church in which the Decoration day program will be given, commencing at 9:30 a. m. Rev. Lew Wallace Gade has been invited to deliver the address upon that occasion, and has accepted the invitation.

The following committee on music has been appointed by Mr. Abbott: Mrs. R. B. Hayes, chairman; Miss Verna Cole and Miss Estelle Baird; also the committee on the decoration of graves, composed of Miss Amelia Martin, chairman; Miss Ethel Ballance and Miss Clara Weyrick. It is planned to have each member of the committee on decoration of graves to select four or five little girls from their respective rooms and instruct them in the details of this light task. After the services at the church the committee and all that care to do so will repair to the cemetery for the ceremony there.

Assessors Meet.

From Friday's Daily. Henry Kropp of Nehawka, Robert Jamison of Weeping Water precinct, E. F. Marshall of Weeping Water city, Reece Hutchins of Avoca, George LaRue of Union and William Minford of Elmwood, each assessor in his respective municipal subdivision, arrived last night on the M. P. to meet with the county assessor today and receive their instructions concerning the valuation of property after April first.

HAVE MOST DELIGHTFUL TIME AT M. E. CHURCH

Most Attractive Program Given at the Methodist Church Thursday Evening.

From Friday's Daily. One of the most attractive and instructive programs ever given in the city in the interests of missions in foreign lands, was enjoyed by a large audience at the Methodist church Thursday evening, given by the Kings Herald and Standard Bearers, under the direction of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the church.

Miss Violet Freese opened the program with an excellent rendition of "Il Trovatore" on the piano. "A Missionary Dream," by Mrs. A. J. Beeson, assisted by eleven young ladies in oriental costumes, was a splendid presentation of the cause of missions among the heathen people, and in its unique way sternly rebuked the present indifference upon the part of some to this great cause. Another reading by Mrs. Beeson, "How Uncle Billy Listened," was given with force, and taught a great lesson. A dialogue, "Where Our Money Goes," was given by several of the Kings Herald, and told tersely of the work of the world encircling missionary societies. Other contributions to the program were made by Misses Zelma Tucey and Ferris York, little Helen Beeson, Helen Wescott and Mrs. E. H. Wescott.

Happily Wedded.

The wedding of Miss Garrie Bill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bill, to Mr. Fred Rueter, took place Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, in the presence of about thirty friends and relatives. The Rev. Mr. Andress of the Congregational church, conducted the ceremony.

The bride wore a gown of gray satin with a trimming of white fringe and a crescent of white carnations, and was attended by Miss Lily Steinkamp, who wore blue poplin. The groom wore the conventional black, and likewise the best man, Mr. Frank Cherry. Immediately after the ceremony a three-course wedding supper was served.

The out-of-town guests were: Mrs. A. C. Gump of Pleasantdale, Neb., and Mr. Albert Cherry of South Omaha.—Weeping Water Republican.

Joe Reynolds Goes to Havelock.

Joseph Reynolds, who was in charge of the baggage department at the Burlington station for a long time and later freight agent, has resigned his position here and will go to Havelock and learn the machinist trade. Joe will have charge of a steam hammer in the Havelock shops, and no doubt will soon learn to be an expert with it. Joe is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Reynolds of this city and a native of Plattsmouth and has many friends here who will regret to have him depart from their midst. May the best of success attend him in his new pursuit is the wish of the writer.

Assessors Meet.

From Friday's Daily. In addition to the gentlemen named in another column of this paper, the following named local assessors met with County Assessor H. M. Soennehen this afternoon: John Medford, Greenwood; Ed Betts, Eagle; James H. Foreman, Alvo; Herman Schmidt, Murdock; C. T. Richards, South Bend; J. C. Murphy, Manley; John Group, Louisville; William Puls, Murray; J. O. Ward, Louisville; F. S. Smith, Murray; William Rummel, P. E. Ruffner and A. D. Despain, Plattsmouth.

John Groop of Louisville was in the city today attending the assessors' meeting, and while here paid the Journal office a brief call.

LAWYERS HOLD BANQUET AT THE PERKINS

Five-Course Dinner Served and Pronounced One of Best by All the Participants.

From Friday's Daily. The lawyers of the county, members of the Cass County Bar association, enjoyed a fine banquet at the Hotel Perkins last night. Thirteen members of the legal fraternity were present to participate in the festivities, and after the five-course dinner was served, each responded to a toast, and the fest of reason and flow of soul detained the loquacious gentlemen until near the hour of midnight.

The feed was one of Landford Cory's best menus and consisted of oyster cocktail as a preliminary course, roast beef, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, peas with lettuce salad, followed by fruit salads with whipped cream, coffee, cake and ice cream. Mr. Cory received many favorable comments on the delicious banquet and the pleasing and methodical manner in which it was served.

After the feast R. B. Windham, as toast master, introduced the members present and announced a toast to which each gentleman, without exception, responded to promptly, demonstrating that beyond a doubt, as Editor Olive has remarked, "Plattsmouth is a nation of orators."

Judge Archer, as the senior member of the bar, was given the right-of-way, and in his usual witty manner used the full time allotted him. The other gentlemen present each offered felicitous remarks as they were called upon. Ex-County Attorney C. A. Rawls was assigned the toast, "Trials and Tribulations of a Lawyer." Mr. Rawls was of the opinion that the lawyers had no trials; it was their clients who had the trials, but tribulations were frequent. He had heard considerable about the integrity of the bar and bench during the evening, but he was not so much concerned about the integrity of the court as he was the intellectuality. "So many times he had made his cases so clear that a child could understand, yet the court would rule dead against him, all because the quality of the mental makeup of the court did not grasp his case."

Mr. Rawls was followed by Judge Travis, who made a very witty speech, weaving into it some observations on the constitution, and hinted at the Roosevelt doctrine of recall of judges. The Judge's toast was along the lines of good fellowship among lawyers, and was much appreciated by the bar.

Those present at the banquet were: Judge H. D. Travis, Judge A. J. Beeson, Judge M. Archer, County Attorney C. H. Taylor, ex-County Attorney C. A. Rawls, ex-Representative R. B. Windham, ex-Representative William Delles-Dernier, Deputy Postmaster M. S. Briggs, Hon. D. O. Dwyer, A. L. Tidd, C. E. Tefft, J. M. Leyda and Charles Martin.

Sues Ralph Duff for \$15,000.

John C. Rohde of Fremont county, Iowa, has brought suit for \$15,000 damages in the federal court against Ralph A. Duff and R. A. Duff & Co., of Otoe county, Nebraska. The defendant owns an automobile garage, and on January 14, 1911, the plaintiff was injured in the building, sustaining a fractured leg, it being claimed that the accident was due to the negligence of the defendant. The petition recites that the petitioner had asked the way to the toilet room in the building and following the instructions, he passed along a darkened room through a door which opened into an arway, down which he fell into the basement. The petitioner says there was no sign on the door to show that it led to a dangerous arway, and because of the negligence he asks the court for damages.—Lincoln Journal.

Beyond causing Mr. Duff some inconvenience in defending the suit there will be little to it. When the accident occurred Mr. Rohde was taken to the Frontier hotel and was cared for until he recovered.—Nebraska City News.

THE PLATTE RIVER AT THE HIGHEST POINT SINCE THE BREAK UP OF ICE

Several More Spans of the Louisville Wagon Bridge Carried Away Last Evening—Raise in the River Threatens the Bank Near the Pollock-Duff Bungalow

From Saturday's Daily.

The situation at the M. P., Burlington and Pollock-Duff bridges on the Platte river last night and today have been most serious. Dynamite was used freely at this point and at Louisville all night. At Louisville seven more spans of the wagon bridge, making ten in all, went out last night about 5 o'clock. A gentleman who was in Louisville last evening brought the information that between 7 and 8:30 p. m. the Platte river rose two and a half feet. T. H. Pollock confirmed the statement that later the river at the bridge north of this city rose to the highest stage that it has been.

The bank of the river east of the toll house felt the effects of the grinding of the ice, and being softened by the flood waters, began to crumble off at an early hour this morning. A special train under the control of C. S. Johnson was dispatched to the scene of the trouble, carrying a force of men and material and tools and sand bags with the intention of placing a barricade of bags of sand about the building to prevent any further washing of the bank.

It was reported that two spans of the wagon bridge were brought to shore about 9:30 this morning, having been intercepted by the men stationed at the river for that purpose and roped in.

It was reported in the dispatches this morning that Superintendent Bignell of the Burlington, who has kept in close touch with the situation on the Platte, believed the crest of the flood would reach Louisville and Plattsmouth today. The Burlington has

kept a force of men, under the direction of K. W. Zavgren, on guard at the Platte river bridge north of this city day and night for the past three days, with instruction to break up the gorges as fast as formed by using dynamite in plenty.

The flood situation further up the river is the worst since 1881. At Norfolk the streets are patrolled with boats and cellars are filled with water. Two more railway bridges went out at Fremont yesterday, the Northwestern and the Burlington both losing their bridges at that point, cutting the town off from railway connections. The East Central Nebraska Teachers' association met at Fremont yesterday, and those of the teachers from over the state attending are in that city unable to get away, there being no trains running. Miss Vesta Douglass went over from Tekamah to give a talk on "Beginners' Reading," and is tied up with the rest of the bunch.

The Rock Island bridge at South Bend was again washed out last night and no trains are running. At Valley a gorge formed and backed the water into the streets and into cellars, put out the fires for the light and water plants, and families driven from their homes took refuge in the High school building.

The area of the flood extends from Grand Island to Plattsmouth; the lands of bottom farms are under water and hundreds of families have been driven from their homes and are living in the second story of their homes. At Valley the Platte is six miles wide.

SOME SPORT AT UNION GOES ON

Three Bouts in One Night and Quick Decision in Some of Them.

Union people who are interested in wrestling contests had a chance to enjoy themselves in Woodman hall last Saturday evening, when a "big event" and two preliminaries were pulled off. The main event scheduled was Terry of Nebraska City vs. Rofenberger of Auburn, and while it was a nice athletic exhibition it was evident that it was more of a contest "against time" in order to earn the door receipts, yet the two grapplers gave the crowd the worth of the price. Terry won the match by taking two straight falls, each in fifteen and three-quarter minutes, both bouts showing some very nice work and knowledge of the game.

The preliminaries were "warm numbers" and worth going several miles or more to see. Earl Wolfe and Henry Becker, local boys, had a fast and furious round, with the honors about even for seven minutes, when Earl found that the pace had "got his wind," and the decision was awarded to Henry. In the other "side show" is where the fur flew in big gobs, the contestants being George Olsen of Union and a young man named Fitchorn from near Plattsmouth. They did about an hour's work in five and a half minutes, and "Fitchie" got a "yaller-hammer hug on 'Ole'" and pinned him to the mat all points down. Barber "Billy" Hopkins was referee and promoter and Ward Cheney was timekeeper. It was a program of good clean sport conducted in an orderly manner, the most friendly feeling existing among all the contestants. If future contests can be handled in the same way more of them will not be out of place.—Union Ledger.

A. M. Holmes and daughter, Mrs. W. S. Smith, who have been guests of Mrs. C. A. Rawls for a short time, departed for their home at Murray this morning.

ENJOY VERY DELIGHTFUL SOCIAL TIME

C. E. Society Enjoy a Pleasant Evening at Presbyterian Church Friday Evening.

From Saturday's Daily. The members and friends of the C. E. society of the Presbyterian church assembled in the parlors of the church last evening to participate in their regular monthly social meeting. The social committee had planned a number of amusements for the entertainment of the young people, the first one being a guessing contest in which the Endeavors and their friends devoted several moments in finding the names of birds hidden in a list of sentences, which had been distributed. On trying to find who was the successful one it was discovered that the majority had all of them, and in the cut for the prize Wallace Hunter was the lucky one and he was awarded the prize, an Easter novelty.

The next diversion was also in the nature of a guessing contest, at which time a list of words, supposed to be the names of fruit, but the letters of each word being somewhat disarranged, was handed each one present. It did not take quite so long to solve this contest. Games, social conversation and the like then held full sway until delicious refreshments, consisting of doughnuts and cocoa, were served by the social committee.

The Endeavors and friends tarried for a few minutes and then dispersed, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A small admission fee of 10 cents was charged, but the members of the social committee were unable to give us the amount realized.

For Sale.

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

R. L. Propst, Mynard.

Charles Sands of near Mynard was in the city today looking after the week end shopping.

"The Merry Milkmaids."

Miss Mathilde Vallery is at the head of the committee having in charge the performance of "The Merry Milkmaids" at the Parmele theater Monday night, April 15, for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. Miss Vallery has, for some years, been in this special work, and whose pupils have made marked progress in the art of music. Associated with her for this special performance are Mesdames C. A. Rawls, George E. Dovey, T. P. Livingston, O. C. Dovey, George Falter, R. F. Patterson, E. H. Wescott, W. J. Streight, C. C. Wescott, C. G. Fricke, R. B. Hayes, T. H. Pollock, E. D. Cummings, James Donnelly, John Donelan, J. M. Roberts, N. C. Abbott, Agnes Chapman, Henry Herold, D. C. Morgan, Frank Morgan, T. M. Patterson, W. E. Rosencreans, William Schmidtmann; Misses Mia Gerling, Dora Fricke, Olive Jones and Alice Eaton.

A Delightful Social Meeting.

From Friday's Daily. The Ladies' Aid society of St. Paul's church held their regular monthly social meeting yesterday afternoon and were most delightfully entertained by Mrs. P. Goos. The ladies do not transact any business matters at these meetings whatever, but come prepared to have a good social time. Various games and other amusements, interspersed with conversation, were most thoroughly enjoyed by the large number in attendance. During the afternoon delicious coffee and cake were served, which the guests pronounced as being most excellent.

Warning to Fruit Growers.

The government weather bureau in Omaha has arranged to send out frost warnings this spring to all sections of the state where fruit growing is extensive. Fruit growers who wish to avail themselves of the services provided by the government in this respect are requested to correspond with Colonel Welsh, Omaha forecaster.

John Bukacek went to Omaha on the morning train today to attend to some business affairs.