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## MISS GRACE M'BRIDE GIVES SPLENDID MUSICAL RECITAL IN THIS CITY

The Home of Prof. and Mrs. H. S. Austin Scene of the Gathering of the Music Loving People of Plattsmouth—Miss McBride is Assisted by Miss Ruth McBride and Miss Nan Cunningham

The informal musicale given by Miss Grace Emory McBride, for which Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Austin issued invitations to numerous of the music loving people of Plattsmouth to attend at their home on Vine street last evening, was a brilliant success. The reception room and parlors of the Austin home were thronged with handsomely gowned ladies and gentlemen in dress suits. Miss McBride, who is concert master of the Omaha Symphony Orchestra, was assisted by her sister, Miss Ruth McBride, a soprano soloist, with a sweet voice and showing much cultivation, and Miss Nancy Cunningham, piano accompanist. An informal program was rendered, the first number being a violin solo by Miss Grace McBride, who played "Ballade et Polonaise," by Vieuxtemps, and received most hearty applause. This number was followed by vocal selections, "From the Land of the Sky Blue Water," by Charles Wakefield Cadman; "The Wind," by C. G. Sprass, and "I Know," by C. G. Sprass, sung by Miss Ruth McBride. The next number was a violin solo, two selections, "Meditation," from "Thais," by Massenet, and "Humoresk," by Anton Dvornak, by Miss Grace McBride. The audience again manifested its approval by prolonged handclapping. Two vocal selections followed with violin obligato, as well as piano accompaniment, "Elegie," by Massenet, and "Spring Song," by Frank Lynes; solos by Miss Ruth McBride, violin obligato by

Miss Grace McBride. Violin solos next followed, "Legende," by Bhom, and "Moment Musical," by Schubert, rendered by Miss Grace McBride. Vocal selections came next, "A Birthday," by Woodman, and "Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair," by Hayden, sang by Miss Ruth McBride. Miss Grace McBride then concluded the program with violin numbers, "Souvenir," by Franz Drodla, and "Schon Rosmarie," by Kresler. Miss Grace McBride demonstrated her great ability as a violinist, both as a master of the instrument and as a keen interpreter of the thought of composers whose music she played. She played with fine expression that reached the hearts of her audience at once. Miss Ruth McBride possesses a superb soprano voice, which she has under perfect control, and her selections highly pleased the audience and her numbers were heartily encored. The program was delightful throughout and expressions of approval were repeatedly made. After the program fruit punch was served in the dining room. Mr. Austin announced that Miss McBride would make arrangements to instruct a class in violin music, coming to Plattsmouth every Saturday, as that would probably be the most convenient day for both pupils and instructor, and that those who wished to take such instruction could notify Miss McBride at her Omaha residence or leave such information at Mr. Austin's residence.

**M. E. Ladies Meet.**  
From Friday's Daily.  
The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church held a very pleasant meeting in the church parlors yesterday afternoon, at which time they were entertained in a delightful manner by Mesdames Brady, Brantner and A. J. Beeson. The ladies held their business session first, at which time some important matters were transacted. The remainder of the afternoon the ladies whiled away in various amusements, interspersed with social conversation. Elegant refreshments were served at the usual hour, which were likewise thoroughly enjoyed.

## RAISE OF MISSOURI RIVER CAUSES LOSS

Treacherous Old Stream Has Cost the Burlington Large Sums of Money.

The annual fight of the Burlington railroad against encroachments of the Missouri river at Plattsmouth and at Rulo, Nebraska City and at places where its lines run parallel with the river, is on. Several years ago extensive work was done at Rulo and Plattsmouth to protect property from river damage, says the Lincoln Journal. Annually when flood time arrives crews are stationed at these points to fight the river and keep it within its old channel. The fear in many instances is that the river will find a new channel, leaving the bridges far from water, or that it will cut into railroad grades and take away the road.

Between Nebraska City and Brownville and between Rulo and Atchison the company has spent fortunes in building new road, getting farther from the river, and in protecting its embankments with willow matwork, stone and piling protections. Annually the grand total spent is added to. The experience of the Burlington along this part of the river is similar to that of the Missouri Pacific and other roads.

One trouble found is that at times the current eats deep down near the protection work, sometimes cutting as low as the bottom of piling driven, thus weakening walls built to control the current. In places the river has been known to cut as deep as bed-rock.

A great deal of high water is expected this season in the Missouri river. Besides the early high water, that came with the melting of the snow that covered the western plains, the June rise that will come when the water from Wyoming and Montana hills reaches the lower sections of the river, is expected to be serious.

## Surprised by Her Pupils.

From Friday's Daily.  
Miss Ethel Ballance, one of the efficient third grade teachers of the Central building, celebrated her birthday yesterday. By some means unknown to Miss Ballance her pupils gained the information that their teacher was to have a birthday anniversary, and the little folks straightway put their curly pates together and planned a surprise, which was neatly carried out with the assistance of one or two older heads.

It was thought that a picnic supper in Garfield park would be the best thing and a "heap" the most fun, and accordingly a menu was prepared and a committee decided what each pupil should bring to make the birthday lunch. After school the children met in one place and Miss Ballance was invited to accompany them to the park, where a picnic supper was spread upon the grass and a general merry-making time was had. As a token of their esteem the little folks presented their teacher with a fountain pen, which she no doubt appreciated very much.

## Seed Corn for Sale.

I have about 30 bushels of yellow and 100 bushels of white seed corn. Price \$1.50 per bushel. Will guarantee a test of 93 per cent. C. B. Long, six miles south of Plattsmouth.

The Journal office carries all kinds of typewriter supplies.

## NEW LEGAL FIRM IS ESTABLISHED IN CITY

O. A. Rawls and W. A. Robertson Form Partnership in the Practice of Law.

From Saturday's Daily.  
Rawls & Robertson is the firm name and style of a new law firm which commenced doing business in the city this morning. The firm is composed of former county Attorney C. A. Rawls and W. A. Robertson, who has been associated with Byron Clark in the practice of law for the past three years. Messrs. Rawls and Robertson have purchased Byron Clark's interest in the firm of Clark & Robertson and will occupy the rooms in which Mr. Clark has had his office for many years.

Neither member of the new firm needs any introduction to the public. The senior member, Mr. Rawls, was associated with Mr. Clark for several years in the practice of law, leaving the office in 1908 to accept a lieutenantancy in the United States army during the war with Spain. On his return from the army Mr. Rawls was again associated with Mr. Clark until he was elected county attorney, which position he filled for two terms with credit to himself and the best of satisfaction to his constituents. Since going out of office Mr. Rawls has been in practice alone, doing an extensive business.

The junior member of the firm, W. A. Robertson, is a native Cass county young man, a graduate of the University of Nebraska and of the law school at Lincoln, and has had some three or four years' practice, being associated with Mr. Clark in some of the most important litigation arising in this part of the state.

The firm will be one of the strongest in eastern Nebraska and we predict will do a large volume of business. Both gentlemen stand high in the legal profession and are skilled in the practice of law, and their characters for honesty and square dealing are above reproach.

## Rescue a Hobo.

Uncle Peter Keil was at Cedar Creek a few days ago to trim up his vineyard and learned of a deed of heroism performed by the lady teachers of the Cedar Creek school which he thinks deserving of mention. It was during the flood, when the Platte river was at its highest stage. The teachers walked down the Burlington track to see the water, when they happened upon a man lying prone beside the track fast asleep, and the water from the overflowing Platte had backed up until the unfortunate man's feet were entirely submerged, an incident which probably had not occurred to his feet for months. The young ladies attempted to arouse the man to the danger of his position, but his exceeding weariness and large doses of "bug juice," taken inwardly, would not permit him to shake off his drowsiness. With the help of a passerby the young ladies carried the man with wet feet back to the village and deposited him in a place of safety.

## A Random Shot.

The Pulaski Democrat assumes the responsibility for this: "I shot an arrow into the air; it fell in the distance, I knew not where, till a gentleman said it killed his calf, and I had to give him six and a half (\$6.50). I bought some poison to slay some rats and a lady swore it killed her cats, and rather than argue across the fence, I paid her four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50). One night I set sailing a toy balloon and hoped it would soar till it reached the moon, but the candle fell out on a farmer's straw and he said I must settle or go to law. That is the way with a random shot, it never drops in the proper spot, and the joke you spring that you think so smart, may leave a wound in some fellow's heart."

## Married in Lincoln.

From Friday's Daily.  
A marriage license was issued at Lincoln yesterday to Major A. Roblyer of Eagle and Miss Mable A. Preston of Elmwood.

## DR. FRANK L. M'VEY SPEAKS ON THE SUBJECT OF "SOUND BANKING SYSTEM"

Lecture at Coates' Hall Given Under Auspices of the National Citizens' League Proves to Be Most Interesting Meeting as Dr. McVey is a Very Talented Orator.

From Saturday's Daily.  
Dr. Frank L. McVey, president of the University of North Dakota, addressed a small audience of bankers and business men at Coates' hall last night. Dr. McVey spoke under the auspices of the National Citizens' League on the subject of "A Sound Banking System." He was introduced by Secretary Tidd of the Commercial club and delivered his lecture in a conversational style without any pretense whatever at oratory.

The noted speaker went into the subject of banking and the use of money, going back to the period when the people of this country used tobacco, shells, skins and other articles of merchandise for money. He defined a bank and told what its legitimate functions are. He referred to the panic of 1907 and stated that it was the purpose of the National Citizens' League to avoid a repetition of the occurrences of that financial crisis.

"Our country has had a varied experience in its economic system and various systems have been experimented with, the whole financial structure being more or less of a frontier type, using such means as were at hand to carry on the business of the country. What the country needs now, in the opinion of the monetary commission, which has made its report to congress after some years of investigation, is an organization of the banks of the country into an association, which, through its branches, can make usable the credit of the banks of the association and avoid runs and bank failures and panics," said Dr. McVey.

"The present system has a tendency," said the speaker, "to collect the surplus deposits of the country banks in the large cities, and there loaned by the reserve banks for the purpose of dealings in stocks and bonds, and when needed in the south or west to move the crops, sometimes was not available."

Dr. McVey stated that there was nothing of a political nature in the scheme, and the object of the league now is to attract the attention of the citizens of every state to the importance of improving the banking system. The new plan has in view the following:

- First. The co-operation of all banks by an evolution of the clearing house experience.
  - Second. Protection of the credit system of the country from the denomination of any group of financial or political interests.
  - Third. Independence of the individual banks, national or state, and uniform treatment in discounts and rates to all banks, large or small.
  - Fourth. Provision for making liquid the sound commercial paper of all the banks, either in the form of credits or bank notes, redeemable in gold or lawful money.
  - Fifth. Elasticity of currency and credit in times of seasonable demands and stringencies, with full protection against over-expansion.
- After his address Dr. McVey invited anyone present who wished to ask questions to do so. He then seated himself and a general conversation was taken up, several of those present taking part.

## THE OLD SOLDIER AND THE PENSION

Colonel J. H. Thrasher Receives Letter in Regard to Pensions.

Colonel J. H. Thrasher is in receipt of a letter from Conrad Culver of Lincoln explaining the recent pension legislation about to pass congress, which the ex-soldier readers will no doubt be interested in. The letter in part is as follows:

Lincoln, Neb., April 6, 1912.  
Dear Comrade—The United States senate had under consideration on March 28 the senate pension committee bill, which is similar to table No. 16, as published in the National Tribune of February 15, and provides as follows:

Veterans at age of 62 years—	
Per Month	
Serving 90 days.....	\$43.00
One year of service.....	44.00
Two years of service.....	45.00
Three years of service.....	46.00
Veterans at age of 66 years—	
Per Month	
Serving 90 days.....	\$45.00
One year of service.....	46.00
Two years of service.....	47.00
Three years of service.....	48.00
Veterans at age of 70 years—	
Per Month	
Serving 90 days.....	\$48.00
One year of service.....	20.00
Two years of service.....	22.00
Three years of service.....	24.00

Veterans at the age of 75 will begin at 90 days' service at \$21 per month and run through the scale of service, closing with \$30 per month for three or more years' of service. For each six months of service between the periods stated, 50 cents per month is added to the amount up to the three years of service.

Senator Brown's amendment was adopted providing for the payment of \$30 per month to those who are by wounds or disease (incurred in line of duty) disabled from performing manual labor; also the amendment of

Senator Lee of Tennessee, excluding those who are in receipt of \$2,400 income per annum from the benefits of the measure.

The bill also provides for doubling the pension of the widow of a soldier who was married during or before the war and has not remarried since.

The bill increases the pension appropriation \$27,000,000 and has gone to the conference committee and will probably be adopted without much, if any change. The house has appointed on its conference committee Congressmen Sherwood, Sullaway and Adair. I am not advised at this writing whom the senate has appointed, but the custom is to appoint friends of the measure.

## Married in Omaha.

Edward Leach and Miss Jessie Drost quietly departed for Omaha one day last week, and on Wednesday, April 3, they procured from the license clerk a permit to wed. They then went to the residence of Rev. Charles W. Savage and that worthy minister obliged them with a very nice marriage ceremony. They returned to Union last Friday morning and found that the news had reached here ahead of them and many friends ready to meet and congratulate them. Both are well known in this part of the county, where they have resided since childhood, and for a number of years Mr. Leach was one of Union's energetic business men. The bride is a very popular and talented lady, and has many friends by whom she is highly esteemed. We are not informed as to their plans for the future, but presume they will locate on a farm in the vicinity of Union.—Union Ledger.

## Loses Valuable Mare.

C. L. Wiles lost a valuable brood mare Wednesday, which will discomode him considerably at this season of the year when spring work is opening up. Mr. Wiles did all that he could to save the nag, summoning Dr. Greeder, who could not go, and then calling Dr. Brown of Murray, but nothing could be done to save the mare.

Henry Knabe of Nehawka was in the city over night, having come up to the county seat on a business mission.

## TEAM RUNS AWAY AND SMASHES THINGS UP

Louis Kuhney and Julius Range Have Close Call for Their Lives.

From Saturday's Daily.  
A serious runaway occurred last evening about 5 o'clock near the M. P. station, in which Jules Range and Louis Kuhney were quite seriously injured. The men were unloading a car of hay for Kunsmann & Range and had a load on the wagon, and had proceeded as far as the corner of the Fitzgerald residence property, Kuhney sitting on the front of the load driving. As the team turned the corner the loaded wagon crowded the team and the hind wheel striking a stone so jostled the load that Louie was thrown from his seat, falling between the horse and both wheels on one side of the wagon passed over him, one running over his thigh and the other over his stomach.

The horses became frightened, and springing forward threw Jules Range from his seat at the rear. He alighted on the hard ground with sufficient force to render him unconscious for a short time. The frightened team ran east on Elm street, going at break-neck speed, and collided with a telephone pole near the Kroehler residence, breaking the pole and smashing the wagon into kindling wood. The harness also were badly broken up. After being released from the wagon the horses continued their chase, one of them being caught near Heisel's mill and the other running to its home.

Jules Range was picked up in a dazed condition by Ed McCulley, who happened to be near when the accident occurred. Louis Kuhney was unable to stand and both men were taken to the Kuhney home and a physician summoned. Bales of hay were scattered promiscuously about from the starting point to where the wagon was reduced to kindling wood, Ed

McCulley narrowly escaped being struck with one of the heavy bales as it came flying in his direction as the team sped down the street.

## Ship Steel Spans Tuesday.

T. H. Pollock, manager of the Pollock-Duff auto and wagon bridge, has let the contract for the construction of the two steel spans to take the place of the four wooden ones carried away in the flood, to the Omaha Structural Steel company. He received information today that the steel will be shipped from the factory Tuesday and will shortly arrive at the Platte river. The company will complete the work, they say, in two weeks, when the bridge will be ready for use again. Mr. Pollock received a communication from W. J. Kirkham yesterday stating that Mr. Kirkham had received a hundred letters from the east and south inquiring where the Platte river could be crossed with automobiles. The prospect for a big traffic over the bridge this season is good.

## Get Something for Nothing.

The postoffice department reports that the promoters of fraudulent schemes who were driven out of business by it in the last fiscal year had obtained approximately \$77,000,000 from the public. It is well enough for the postoffice to try to keep the mails from being used to defraud by the sale of stocks in all sorts of fake schemes, but it is also well enough to remember that no one is defrauded in that manner who is not trying to get something for nothing.

## Wheat Needs Rain.

From Saturday's Daily.  
P. A. Hild of Mt. Pleasant precinct, ten miles out, drove in this morning and transacted business with Plattsmouth merchants, and dropped in at the Journal office for a short call. Mr. Hild says the wheat in his locality needs rain badly, as the top of the ground is too hard for the tender plants to thrive. He has also noticed some of the wheat is dead, probably for want of rain.