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## THE CASS COUNTY INSTITUTE CLOSED TODAY—TEACHERS DEPART FOR HOME

A Large Attendance Throughout and All Were Highly Pleased With the Instructors and Miss Foster's Manner of Pconducting the Session—A Large Attendance at the Musical Last Night, Which Was Greatly Enjoyed by All Present.

From Friday's Daily.

The musicale at the assembly room of the high school last night drew a large audience of appreciative listeners. In addition to the 162 teachers, many of the music-loving citizens of the town attended. The auditorium of the high school was filled to its seating capacity before the hour scheduled for the concert to begin. County Superintendent Miss Foster and Superintendent Abbott greeted the visitors at the door of the vestibule and saw that each one had a copy of the program in a neatly printed form.

Miss Dorothy Britt was the first to favor the audience with a piano number, "Morning," by Grieg, and her playing touched a sympathetic chord in the hearts of the teachers and they responded with a round of applause. Miss Catherine Dovey followed with one of her most pleasing solos, "Nymphs and Fawns," by H. Brandeburg. Miss Dovey's voice, a pure soprano, shows much cultivation. She was also accorded hearty applause at the conclusion of her selection.

The "Gypsy Rondo," by Hayden, was beautifully played by Miss Lucile Gass. The selection is one of the most difficult to play, and Miss Gass delighted the audience with her dextrous and artistic touch. The "Slave Song," by Teresa Del Riego, sung by Miss Gretchen Donnelly, was a beautiful vocal selection, and the song and the singer were applauded quite warmly.

A piano duet, March, "Militaire," by Schubert, played by Misses Claire and Hazel Dovey, evoked much applause. These popular musicians were applauded as they took their stations at the piano. And so perfectly they played their difficult selection and in perfect time, moving as one performer, that the audience was captivated by their playing and gave them long and continued applause at the close of the number.

The audience was quite disappointed when Miss Foster arose and announced that Miss Lucile Bates, who was to sing, "Rose Songs," "Miniature," by Robert Coningsby, could not be present. Miss Bates was disappointed in securing an accompanist and her inability to sing was unavoidable. Miss Emma Cummins delighted the audience with a piano number, Sextette "Lucia," by Leschetizky, and so well did she play and so highly pleased were the listeners that the applause was kept up until Miss Cummins finally responded by playing another excellent selection.

Mrs. George Falter finished the program by playing a march by Hollander. Mrs. Falter's playing was also highly appreciated by the audience and she was heartily encored. At the close of the concert Miss Foster announced that the interesting session this morning would include the reading contest, with the twelve teachers winning out yesterday as contestants, and that the institute would close at noon.

### Thursday Afternoon.

At the session yesterday afternoon the teachers had an opportunity of listening to Mrs. Williams, the county superintendent of Saunders county. Mrs. Williams brought a message of good cheer and will carry back to Wahoo some of the enthusiasm that she found among the Cass county teaching profession.

Miss Pyrtle continued her suggestions for vitalizing the work in geography. Be careful that you do not do too much for them. It is what you suggest and make them do that counts. If you assist too much they lose the opportunity to do for themselves and thus become flabby. The parents will gladly supply what little money is necessary for this work

if you can prove to them that the work has a definite value.

Dr. Winship's afternoon address was practically a continuation of his morning talk. He gave a large number of illustrations of the general idea that the obvious ought not to be stated and re-stated. Children get wonderfully tired of that sort of foolishness. Let these outside things be brought freely into the school room and correlated with the other work. It has been demonstrated that children who do take part in developing these outside interests instead of falling down actually show higher grades than those who sit back and take no part.

Superintendent Waterhouse, in his excellent round table discussion, suggested a number of conditions that lead to a good recitation, the chief one being the personality of the teacher. The room must be controlled entirely by a personality that will impress itself favorably on every boy and girl in the room.

From Saturday's Daily.

The institute yesterday morning held one of the most interesting sessions of the week. The first exercise to engage the attention of the teachers was the contest in reading, to be held for the prize offered by Professor Abbott of a Searson reader to the teacher getting the highest marks. Two of the twelve teachers winning out in the sectional contest got cold pedal extremities and defaulted. The ten who were bold enough to enter the contest were: Hazel Tney, Clara Bookmeyer, Nellie Brown, Elizabeth Baird, Marie Hiber, Cora Mueller, Edith Dean, Ino Heebner and Eleanor Critchfield. The committee appointed to decide the merits of the ten candidates were: Mrs. H. S. Austin, County Attorney Taylor and Rev. A. L. Zink. The committee found it difficult to distinguish among so many excellent readers, but after computing the markings it was found that Miss Eleanor Critchfield, teacher at South Bend, had acquired the highest grade.

The teachers then listened to Dr. Winship's farewell address, and adopted the following resolutions:

We, the teachers of Cass county, assembled in institute, desire to express our appreciation and cordial thanks:

First. To the county superintendent for the the excellent program she has given us and for the thoroughly efficient manner in which she has conducted the institute just closing.

Second. To Dr. Winship for the splendid inspiration of his lectures and the broadening, uplifting influence which he has had upon all.

Third. To the institute instructors, Mr. Waterhouse, Miss Pyrtle and Mr. Abbott, whose practical and helpful instruction will be carried into the school life of the county and prove their value whenever a vexing question is to be decided or a crisis to be met.

Fourth. To Mr. Wurl for the manner in which he has conducted the physical culture exercises, which have so enlivened the institute sessions.

Fifth. To the board of education for the buildings so generously thrown open for use during the institute sessions.

Sixth. To the Commercial club of Plattsmouth for the courtesies shown the teachers and for the entertainment furnished them on several occasions, attentions which added greatly to the pleasures of institute week.

Seventh. To the citizens of Plattsmouth for the kindness and courtesies with which they received the visiting teachers into their homes and endeavored in every

way to add to their pleasure and comfort.

Lily C. Tighe, Chairman of Committee on Resolutions.

## MANY IMPROVEMENTS IN PLATTSMOUTH

New Laundry Building, Several Residences, M. W. A. Building and Other Improvements.

Mr. Enger, proprietor of the laundry, has just let the contract for his new building to Tom Isner. The building is to be of brick, on a concrete foundation, and will be 20x70 feet on the ground. The building will be equipped with modern machinery and every facility for the line of work will be put in. The work on the new building will be commenced immediately and will be pushed right along until completed. Mr. Enger will install machinery especially for family washings, of which he will make a specialty. Already his trade has grown from no family washings until now he has twenty, and his customers in this line, as in the other departments of the trade, are highly pleased with the work done for them.

The construction of the new laundry building will be done by Plattsmouth mechanics, as far as possible, so that the money expended for the labor and material will be distributed to home men. The money expended in Plattsmouth so far this season for new buildings, additions and alterations has amounted to a big sum, which will still further be increased by buildings yet to be erected and completed.

Mrs. Allison's bungalow in the Second ward, on North Eighth street, has been completed and is a unique style of architecture and a fine modern dwelling. Tom Isner being the builder.

August Colidt has in process of building a fine cottage on Main street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, with Contractor Conners in charge of the construction.

The remodeling of the Gem theater, the brick veneering and overhauling of the Woodmen building and new front at the Wescott building and also the new addition in the rear, each and all are a credit to the city.

There are others whose names the writer could not ascertain, who are putting on additions and enlarging residences. All of which speaks for the life of the town, as well as for the faith the citizens erecting the valuable buildings have in the future of the city.

## LITTLE SON JOHN MEISINGER, JR., BADLY BURNED

From Friday's Daily. Raymond, the little 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Meisinger, jr., met with quite a serious accident yesterday morning about 11 o'clock. Mrs. Meisinger stepped outside the kitchen door for a few minutes, when Raymond put some cobs into the range and secured the kerosene can and proceeded to pour on some of the oil, when an explosion occurred, burning him badly about the face. His eyebrows and winkers were burned off and his face and neck were blistered. He happened to have his hat on at the time, which saved his hair from being burned. Dr. Cummins was summoned at once and dressed his injuries and the little fellow is resting as well as anyone could under the painful circumstances.

In Honor of Her Niece. On Wednesday evening Miss Della Tartsch entertained informally for her niece, Miss Alice Thornberg, of Sioux City, Iowa. "The Famous Art Gallery" gave the guests a chance to test their wits, the prize-winner being Miss Mildred Johnson, while Miss Shopp lead all in modeling animals from gum. At a late hour a yellow and white buffet luncheon was served. Those present were: Misses Barbara, Janet and Harriet Clement, Dorothy Britt, Ruth Chapman, Mildred Johnson, Edna Shopp and Golda Noble.

## BEWARE OF THE SEARS-BOEUCK OFFER

Scheme in Which County Officers and Others Would Figure Simply as a Cat's Paw.

The offer of Sears, Roebuck & Co. to give one million dollars towards a fund to be used in agriculture promotion was discussed at the national convention and the general opinion was that it was simply a huge advertising scheme, in which county officers and local business men's associations would figure simply as a cat's paw for this mail order house. The offer contained the provision that those counties desiring to receive their pro rata of this sum must put up a like amount, which sum would be devoted to defraying the expenses of an expert furnished by Sears, Roebuck & Co., which expert would visit such counties, analyze soils, advise farmers as to fertilizers, crop planting etc., and doubtless boom the mail order business.

We do not believe business men can be drawn into such a scheme. The United States government has set aside a million dollars to be used in bettering farm conditions. One thousand dollars being assigned for this purpose to each county where it is desired to take up the work. Certain conditions are imposed. The government furnishes the agricultural expert. Arrangements to this end can be carried out by local business men's associations, who will thus be in position to get some credit for their efforts and be of real assistance to the farmers without, at the same time, helping the scheme of a hostile interest.

The motion was carried at the Detroit convention that these facts be published in the Bulletin, and that the secretary confer with all state secretaries, giving full information, with the request that they notify each county in their states to take steps at once to get this assistance the government offers. This matter is already being taken up by Secretary Corey and full particulars will soon be mailed out.—National Hardware Bulletin.

## A VERY HANDSOME RACKET STORE IN TOWN

From Friday's Daily.

Have you called at W. B. Mordock's racket store, the first door south of Fricke's drug store? If you have not, you have missed seeing one of the neatest stores in the city. Mrs. A. B. Dickson is the saleslady in charge, and she will be pleased to show anyone interested over the store. Mr. Mordock will carry an up-to-date line of notions, including a supply of the best books, by the latest authors. His line of glassware, graniteware and kitchen utensils is very complete. All kinds of tools and implements for hand use in carpentering and the like, and a line of hosiery pleasing to behold are to be found on the shelves of the racket store.

Mr. Mordock is very fortunate in securing Mrs. A. B. Dickson's services, as well as Norman Dickson, who will be found genial and accommodating and anxious to wait on the customers. The trade for the first two days has been exceedingly good and there is no doubt but the racket store will be a success from the start.

### Win From Plattsmouth.

From Friday's Daily. The Booster ball team went over to Glenwood yesterday afternoon and received one of the worst skinnings the team has had this season, but the boys say that it can't be done again. The score was 8 to 4 in favor of Glenwood. The Boosters say the ground was bad, and if the Glenwood team will only come over and play here, why, it will be different.

Queen Quality Oxfords for ladies, the \$3.00 grade, at \$1.98. E. G. DOVEY & SON.

Home grown alfalfa seed for sale. A. L. Todd. 8-8-Stwkly

### Think Him Crazy.

From Friday's Daily. Sheriff Quinton and Frank Gorton went to Louisville this morning and brought to Plattsmouth Tom Sewell, a rock quarry workman. Tom arrived in Louisville last Saturday and went to work for a farmer and stayed one day, and since then he has been employed in the quarry. He has talked incessantly of the Villisca murder and when he goes to bed at night looks under the bed for a man. He talks when waking and sleeping of the murder. He seems rational on other topics. The sheriff placed him in jail and will await developments.

## THE TENNIS BALL A GRAND SUCCESS

Was One of Sweltest Functions of the Year and Very Largely Attended.

From Thursday's Daily. The Inter-County Tennis Association ball at the M. W. A. hall last night was one of the sweltest functions of the year and was largely attended by out-of-town dancers and spectators. The committee in charge of arrangements was composed of M. Herold, Glen Rawls and John Falter, while Paul Morgan assisted with wise counsel whenever called upon to draw from his wide and varied experience.

The music, furnished by the M. W. A. orchestra, was delightful, and the "Bunny Hug" and "Bear Cat" airs were conspicuous for their absence. Chief Ben Rainey and Night Police Henry Trout were there by invitation of the committee, and numerous married ladies thronged the balconies to see that the youthful dancers were properly chaperoned.

Fruit punch was served in a cosy little room adjoining the dance hall, the punch bowl being presided over by Miss Muriel Straight.

The floor, being new, was not of the glassy smoothness that it will be after being used a few times, but nevertheless it was very good. Everyone present appeared to enjoy the ball immensely and not a thing occurred to mar the social success of the evening.

Among the visiting tennis enthusiasts present were: Glen Ruby, Bud Hall and Miss Isadore Sheldon, Nebraska; Miss Ruth Helms, Long Beach, Cal.; Misses Lucile Houston and Vivian Tate, Nebraska City; Miss Walker, Murray; Miss Alice Woodworth, Omaha; Carl West, Wyoming; Sidney Price and Mr. Wachter, Lincoln; Charles Shiry, Glenwood, and Mr. Nickerson, Chicago.

### Accepts Position at Pender.

From Thursday's Daily.

Ed Brantner and wife returned from Pender last evening, Ed having accepted the position of general manager of the Bell telephone plant at that place. They will pack their household furniture at once and store a part of it, and will take charge of the plant next Monday. The position will pay Ed a greatly increased salary over the present position and the offer was so flattering that he could not afford to refuse it. Mr. and Mrs. Brantner will be greatly missed from lodge and social circles of the city, both having been born and reared in Plattsmouth. They have a legion of friends here, who will be loth to see them depart from the city. The Journal is glad to see Mr. Brantner's ability as a telephone man recognized by the company for which he has worked for some time. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Brantner the fullest success in their new home and position.

### Sudden Death at Greenwood.

From Saturday's Daily.

A special from Greenwood, under date of August 9, says: Ira Jacob Lee died suddenly here today. He was a carpenter, a resident of Greenwood for thirty-two years, and 60 years old. He went to work a few miles out of the city this morning and suddenly became ill. He was placed in a carriage and a start made for his home, but he died on the way. Heart disease was the cause of death. The funeral will be held here Sunday afternoon and burial will be in Greenwood cemetery.

## WOMAN'S ENCOUNTER WITH ENRAGED DOG

Little George Reichart, the 6-year-old son of Jake Reichart, was bitten by an enraged bulldog belonging to Lon Kilgore Wednesday morning. He and some other children were playing near the Kilgore residence when the dog pounced upon the little fellow and would have torn him to pieces had not his cries brought to his aid Mrs. Kilgore. She picked the child up and holding him in her arms did her best to fight the dog away from him and in doing so was bitten on the shoulder as the enraged beast repeatedly jumped for the boy.

Dr. Worthman dressed the wounds and the village marshal killed the dog. The wounds were not as serious as at first feared and it is thought no serious results will follow.

Mrs. Kilgore is surely entitled to a great deal of credit for the pluck she displayed in saving the life of the child, even after she herself had been severely bitten. Her cries brought others to her rescue and the dog was beaten off. It is an experience, however, she will not soon forget.—Louisville Courier.

## BAND CONCERTS TO BEGIN THURSDAY

The First Entertainment to Be Given at Garfield Park, Where Seats Are to Be Had.

The Plattsmouth Commercial club has completed arrangements whereby the Burlington Route band will again give their popular open air concerts free to everybody. The first concert of the series will be given next Thursday evening in Garfield park, beginning at 8:15. Everybody invited.

The committee, following the custom of other cities, has decided to hold the concerts in the parks, where the spectators can enjoy some degree of comfort while listening to the splendid music our band boys put up. Heretofore half of the pleasure of the evening's entertainment fled with the thought of having to rest one's tired feet on the cobblestones of the Main street pavement. Garfield park will be an ideal place, as seats are provided for many and the carpet of bluegrass will furnish a comfortable place to lounge while the band is playing.

The band has been progressing right along under the able management and leadership of Prof. Ed Schulhof and has added a number of fine selections to its already large repertoire of classical selections, and the committee anticipate the finest series of concerts which the band has yet given. Let everybody come out next Thursday evening and give the boys a rousing reception at their initial concert for the fall, as well as enjoy a splendid social evening with your acquaintances.

### Rev. Spriegel Moves.

From Thursday's Daily.

Rev. Fred Spriegel, late pastor of the German Lutheran church in Mount Pleasant precinct, has moved with his family to Platte county, where he will make his future home. A large number of his neighbors and friends placed his goods on board the cars this week. August Emelkemeier has purchased his farm. Rev. Spriegel has resided in Mount Pleasant and has been pastor of the German Lutheran church for the past forty years, and, of course, has a great many friends in that locality who regret to see him leave.

Summer Wash Goods are all in our Summer Clearance Sale. 48c Flaxons at 12 1/2c. Tissues worth 25c at 15c. 12 1/2c and 15c Lawns at 8c. E. G. DOVEY & SON.