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DELIGHTFUL TIME AT THE MASONIC HOME

The Occasion Being the Annual Picnic in Honor of the Anniversary of Robert Morris

From Tuesday's Daily.

Some time ago the Kensington club of Vesta Chapter O. E. S. of Omaha extended an invitation to Home Chapter of this city to join them in their annual picnic, which is given on August 31st, the anniversary of Robert Morris, the founder of the Eastern Star and on last Saturday afternoon the members of these chapters met at the Masonic Home in this city and enjoyed one of the most delightful social times that has ever occurred in this city. The rooms of the Home were transformed into a veritable fairyland of beauty in their decoration of beautiful flowers, and when the two tables, each seating some forty persons, was spread in the dining room it was certainly all that anyone could ask for in the way of artistic decorations.

The banquet, which was one of the main features of the day's entertainment, certainly spoke eloquently of the untiring efforts of the ladies who had charge of this feature of the picnic. Rev. W. L. Austin of the First Methodist church of this city invoked the divine blessing on the gathering and was followed by Superintendent Askwith of the Home, who acted as toastmaster and introduced the speakers in his usual pleasing and affable manner. The toasts were responded to by Mrs. J. W. Gamble of Omaha, grand worthy matron, and Plattsmouth people well know Mrs. Gamble's ability in this line and it is only necessary to state that her toast was splendidly handled; Mrs. Wedeymer, worth matron of Vesta chapter, who responded in a very happy vein; Mrs. J. C. Peterson, worthy matron of Home Chapter, who handled her subject delightfully, and W. L. Austin.

The crowd was so large that it was necessary to fill the tables twice, 130 persons being present; one table was reserved for the members of the Home and the other for that of the two chapters of the Eastern Star. After the banquet the guests adjourned to the parlors, where a short program was rendered. Mrs. Gamble sang one of her pleasing solos and readings were given by Mesdames Talbot and Simpson of Omaha, and music was also furnished on the beautiful Victrola presented to the Home by the grand lodge, O. E. S.

The committee in charge of the banquet consisted of the following ladies, and they are certainly onto the job of furnishing a most splendid "feed." Mrs. G. W. Thomas, chairman; Mrs. Harry McCartney, president of the Kensington club; Mrs. V. V. Leonard, Mrs. J. H. Donnelly and Mrs. W. C. Tippens. The ladies of the committee express their pleasure at the assistance and hospitality of Superintendent and Mrs. W. S. Askwith.

RETURN FROM THEIR TRIP TO FAMOUS SAN LUIS VALLEY

From Tuesday's Daily.

W. E. Rosenerans and party, consisting of George Snyder, "Barney" Miller, Frank Moore and John McNurlin, returned home Sunday morning from their trip to the famous San Luis valley in southern Colorado, and they were loud in their praises of that great growing locality. "Rosy" brought back some specimens of the grain grown in that section and it is worth anyone's time to drop around and see these exhibits—oats 6 feet 10 inches in height, wheat that produces 100 grains to the head, barley that can't be beat anywhere for size and yield, are among the numerous specimens he has on exhibition. "Rosy" always desires to give his patrons the best investment for their money and always makes good on the proposition.

Motor Cycle Trip Sunday.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A number of Plattsmouth's young motor cyclists organized a party Sunday morning and took a spin down to the flourishing little city of Union. The boys report a fine trip and excellent roads, with the exception of a very long and rocky hill about one-half mile south of Murray. The party consisted of the following: Otto Bulin and Joe Bulin on a 7 horse-power Yale motor cycle; Anton Toman and Charles Yelinek on a 6 horse-power Excelsior; Maldon Brown on a 6 horse-power Excelsior; Roy Holly, on a 4 horse-power Flanders, and Edgar Steinhauer on a 4 horse-power Indian. The trip was made in record-breaking time and without accident.

A VERY INTERESTING BALL GAME SUNDAY

Quigley's A. O. U. W.'s Put Up a Great Fight, Defeating the Boosters, 6 to 3.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The ball game Sunday afternoon between Frank Quigley's A. O. U. W. team and the Plattsmouth Boosters was all that any base ball fiend could possibly ask for, as both teams put up a red-hot contest. Noah, who did the tossing for the locals, had the best of it, ten of the heavy-hitting Quigleyites fanning the air, while only the stonewall infield behind Mr. Holland saved him from defeat.

Plattsmouth started the fireworks in the first inning, when Beal took his base on balls, stole second, was sacrificed to third and scored on McCauley's flyout. They repeated this in the second, when Fred Mann tore a large hole in the air with a two-bagger, made third on L. Smith's sacrifice and scored on Mason's hit, which was followed by a sacrifice by Noah, but Beal was out on a fly to second. There was nothing more doing for Plattsmouth until the sixth, when Mason lanned a three-bagger to the fence, scoring Mann, who had made a safe hit, but Bill was forced to die on third, as the next batter went out, short to first. This ended the scoring for the Boosters.

The A. O. U. W.'s won three of their scores in the second inning, when on a single, followed by Holland's drive to center scored one; the next man up singled, Quigley walked, and on a hit to center two more scores were run in. They scored again in the sixth and in the ninth brought in two more. The final score resulted 6 to 3 in favor of the A. O. U. W. team. The score by innings was as follows:

Boosters 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0—3
A. O. U. W. 0 3 0 0 0 1 0 0 2—6

RED MEN ENJOY A DELIGHTFUL PICNIC

From Tuesday's Daily.

The members of Missouri Tribe No. 69, Improved Order of Red Men, and their families gathered Sunday, September 4, at the delightful farm home of Adam Stoehr, west of the city limits, and enjoyed their annual picnic and general reunion. There was a large crowd present and everyone there regretted it when the falling shades of night warned them that the happy and joyous occasion must draw to a close. There were various kinds of amusements provided for everyone there, the principal one of which was the dancing platform, which was thronged from early till late with the happy dancers. The committee in charge is to be congratulated on their clever manner of handling the picnic and the only regret is that they do not come oftener.

The first dance of the season will be given by the Cosmopolitan club next Saturday evening at Coates' hall. Everybody cordially invited to attend. Admission: Gents, 50 cents; ladies, free.

A VERY HEAVY RAIN MONDAY MORNING

Trash Deposited Near Mouth of Sewer Cause of the Trouble This Time.

From Tuesday's Daily.

One of the heaviest rain storms that has visited this section during the present season fell Monday and it seems rather strange, but true, nevertheless, the north side of Main street received a larger amount of the downpour than the south side and a great deal more damage was done in the way of washouts along the road-side.

The downpour lasted for the larger portion of two hours and we believe that it was a pretty good test as to the capacity of Main street to carry the water at a time when the Washington avenue sewer overflows. This was one of the hardest rains that we have had since the lowering of Main street some two years ago, and while the street was almost filled with water, it was several inches short of passing over the curbs. From the mouth of the sewer to Sixth street on Vine, the water passed over the curb, but was turned on Sixth and passed down Main without the slightest damage to property owners. This certainly demonstrates that the lowering of Main street has solved the flood problem and we are practically safe from them in the future, although should both the Chicago avenue and Washington avenue sewers overflow at the same time it might prove more serious.

There were several of our citizens out during the rain Sunday night, and from one who was at the mouth of the Washington avenue sewer, we learn that the same was not carrying half its capacity, when a gorge of trash that formed on both sides of the opening gave way and completely closed the mouth, compelling the water to pass over into the street immediately. As soon as this trash raised with the overflow and passed down the street the water settled and the sewer carried it with ease. This fact led to the suggestion that it might be an excellent proposition for the city to appoint a man residing near the mouth of the sewer, in fact both of them, during every rain storm to see that this trash did not form at the mouth, and it might be kept moving and the sewer would carry it away.

It has been tried, but found an impossibility to prevent the people from throwing such rubbish into the street. The fact that most of our floods have come after the first of July, after a vast accumulation of such rubbish has been thrown into the streets, is sufficient evidence that it has been the cause of our most disastrous floods. During the heavy spring rains, and we have had many of them, the sewers were never taxed to half their capacity, there was no accumulation of rubbish to gorge at the mouth. The city pays the nozzle man at a fire a small fee for his good work, and why not pay a good man for his time at the mouth of both sewers.

DESTROY UNCLE TOM FRY'S FINE WATERMELON VINES

From Tuesday's Daily.

One night last week some dastardly and mean whelps, evidently without the fear of God or man, got into Uncle Tom Fry's melon patch and cut many green melons open and destroyed the vines. We call this one of the very meanest tricks ever heard of and the participants should be apprehended and punished to the fullest extent of the law. We notice in a Glenwood paper where several different parties were arrested over at Glenwood for the same kind of business and made to pay for their meanness. A dose of the same kind of medicine should be administered to some parties in this part of the country.

Fresh candies of all kinds at Bookmeyer & Maurer's

Dr. Brendel Home.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Dr. B. F. Brendel of Murray returned home last Saturday evening from his trip down in Indiana and was a Plattsmouth visitor this morning. He reports a very pleasant trip visiting with the many friends and relatives at the old home. He also had the pleasure of a brief visit with Governor Marshall, democratic candidate for vice president, and says he is without a doubt one of the finest men he ever met. He also says that if the people over the United States are all like they are in Indiana there is no doubt but that he will be the next vice president, too.

STETSON'S UNCLE TOM'S CABIN OPEN SEASON HERE

Theater Crowded and Many Were Turned Away on Account of Seating Room.

From Tuesday's Daily.

For the past two weeks the performers connected with Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" have been gathering in this city for the purpose of making ready for the fall and winter season. Their cars were brought here some time since for the purpose of being overhauled at the Burlington shops, and their ponies, blood-hounds, etc., have been here all that time. The past week has been taken up in rehearsing, and Monday was their opening night, and the Parmele theater would not seat the immense number of men, women and children who desired to witness the famous Uncle Tom show one more time at least. The Parmele theater has a seating capacity of about 1,000, and every seat was taken and many were standing up.

Stetson's Uncle Tom show is claimed to be the best of its character on the road, and while this was the first performance of the season, we are free to say that everyone present was more than delighted with the rendition of the various characters in the play and the various specialties interwoven between acts and scenes. The company went away from Plattsmouth, no doubt well pleased with the grand ovation given them in this city.

The Parmele theater management have secured the highest grade plays for the coming season ever presented here. All good shows which play Omaha and other large cities and well scattered out as to dates. Help boost them. Come out and see them, and be live ones and the management can continue to get good plays here. Among those secured and expected are: "Paid in Full," "The Rosary," "The Arab," "The Wolf," "The Servant in the House," "Mutt and Jeff," "The Thief," "The House of a Thousand Candles," "The Family" and others. No such list as this was ever presented before in a town the size of Plattsmouth.

FORMER PLATTSMOUTH YOUNG LADY TO WED

From Tuesday's Daily.

Cards have been received in this city from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Otto of Denver announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Flora Marie, to Mr. Fred Haslow Williams at Los Angeles, California, on Sunday, August 25th. The Otto family were residents of Plattsmouth for many years and Miss Otto was born and received her early education in this city, where Mr. Otto was a partner in the meat market of Hatt & Otto for a number of years and later engaged in farming on the Platte bottoms north of this city. The hosts of friends of Miss Flora and the Otto family were greatly surprised to hear of the wedding, but extend to the young couple their heartfelt wishes for a happy wedded life. Mr. and Mrs. Williams will be at home after September 10 at 3424 Fourth avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Miss Kittie Cummins.

Piano teacher, accredited with the University School of Music of Lincoln, Neb. Ellis Illustrated Music Course and Burrows' Musical Kindergarten a specialty. Fall term begins September 9th.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE CATHOLIC SOKOL HALL

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Catholic Sokol Dramatic club of this city presented another of their excellent plays of life in Bohemia, entitled "The Miller and His Child," at the K. S. hall Sunday evening. The play was a most pleasing one and everybody present agreed that as a story of Bohemian life it has no equal. The characters were all well taken and the participants showed the study that they had given their parts, as there was not a mistake made in the presentation of the play.

Frank Rasek, as the miller, was the principal character, and he was certainly on the job, moving his audience to laughter or tears at will. Miss Julia Prochazka, as the miller's daughter, made a big hit, her acting being superb. The other members of the cast were very strong in their parts and should feel proud of the showing they made. It is hoped that the company will favor the public with another play before long. After the play a social dance was enjoyed for a few hours and the merry dancers enjoyed themselves to the limit. The music was furnished by the Plattsmouth orchestra and was up to their usual high standard.

A GOOD MAN AND CITIZEN LAID TO REST

The Last Sad Tribute Paid to Nicholas Halmes by Friends and Neighbors Monday.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock occurred the funeral of one of the most prominent German citizens, Nicholas Halmes, from St. John's Catholic church, which was crowded with sorrowing friends and relatives, who had gathered there to pay tribute to the memory of this most worthy man. Father M. A. Shine celebrated the mass and in his sermon dwelt eloquently on the life and works of the deceased, who had been such an energetic citizen and faithful member of the church.

The members of the Sons of Herman attended the services in a body as a mark of respect to their deceased brother and friend. The floral tributes were magnificent and spoke silently of the deep esteem and affection with which Uncle Nicholas Halmes was held throughout this city and vicinity. The interment was made in the Catholic cemetery, the casket being borne to its last resting place by the following old friends and associates of the deceased: M. F. Friedrich, F. E. Schlater, A. G. Bach, George Tams, Jacob Meisinger and John Bauer.

In the passing of Nicholas Halmes the community has lost a citizen whose place it will indeed be hard to fill, as he was always in favor of any proposition that was for the uplifting or benefit of the section in which he resided. Uncle Nicholas Halmes came to this country while a young man and without any aid except that of his worthy helpmate accumulated a fortune that will stand as a monument of what energy, grit and honesty can accomplish. To the sorrowing widow and children the Journal extends its sympathy; as "Uncle Nick" was one of our most valued friends.

QUIGLEY'S WORKMEN AGAIN SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Arrangements have been made to have the A. O. U. W. ball team of Omaha here for two games, one Saturday afternoon and one Sunday. This is pleasing news to the fans and the management deserves a big turnout for these games. The home team deserves the support of the people, so turn out to the games.

Return Home.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Ruffner, who for the past few months have been visiting with relatives and friends in Montana and other points, including an extended visit with their daughter, Mrs. Roy Dodge, in Omaha, returned home yesterday and will return to their residence in the Second ward. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burnie have been living in the residence for the past two months, but will move the latter part of the week to their new residence in the Wise property, which Mr. Burnie purchased some time ago.

MISS VIRGINIA M'DANIEL ENTERTAINS FOR GUESTS

Fifteen Young Ladies Highly Delighted and Speak Highly of Miss McDaniel as a Hostess.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Journal was unfortunate last week in failing to secure an account of one of the most delightful social events of the season, but we believe that it is better late than never, so take pleasure in printing the account of this pleasant occasion.

Miss Virginia McDaniel entertained about fifteen of her friends on Thursday afternoon at an envelope party in honor of her guests, Misses Ruth and Grace Smith of Salina, Kansas. For the occasion the rooms of the McDaniel home had been artistically arranged and the guests were received with that charming hospitality that is so characteristic of Miss McDaniel. A number of very enjoyable and novel means had been prepared for the entertainment of the guests and they certainly proved a success. The guests, on entering, were requested to draw an envelope from a large yellow tissue paper bag suspended from the ceiling, and on opening the small envelopes they were found to contain the future of the possessors and a great deal of amusement was derived when they were read. Pieces of yellow and green paper were next given the guests to construct flowers out of, and in this contest Miss Helen Spies proved the winner and was rewarded with a handsome package of envelopes. Twelve envelopes were then filled with different articles and the guests were requested to distinguish them by the smell, and in this Miss Nora Batton secured the prize, a satchel envelope bag. At the close of the afternoon's enjoyment a delicious three-course luncheon was served, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the delightful entertainment.

L. G. LARSON HAS CONTRACT TO ERECT BUILDINGS

From Tuesday's Daily.

V. V. Leonard has closed the contract with L. G. Larson for the erection of the new store rooms on the site of the old F. E. White frame buildings on Main street, between Fourth and Fifth, two of which old eye-sores to every citizen in Plattsmouth have already been torn away, and before many days their place will be taken with a strictly modern one-story brick building. The new structure will be about fifty feet in length, with three rooms on the one forty-four-foot lot, similar to the three rooms owned by Mr. Roberts on the west, all three of which, we have been informed, have been rented. As soon as this portion of the new building is completed and Mr. Martin moves his tonsorial parlor into one of them, the remaining old frame will be torn away, to be replaced by a new one. From the fact that L. G. Larson has secured the contract to build these structures is sufficient evidence that they will be first-class in every particular. This fact was made plain to Mr. Leonard thirty-five years ago, when Mr. Larson erected his present residence property. While Mr. Leonard expects fair returns upon his investment, he at the same time should be commended for his enterprise and the faith he has in Plattsmouth's future. Let the good work go on.