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ANNUAL BANQUET OF BIBLE CLASS

Great Treat to Those Present and All Are Profuse in Their Praise of the Fine Entertainment.

From Friday's Daily.

The second annual banquet of the young men's bible class of the Methodist church was held last evening, and if it were possible to be, was even more successful than the splendid one given last year. The ladies of the church had charge of the banquet and it was one of the most delicious and appetizing feasts that was ever set before a crowd of men. The banquet was served in four courses and each succeeding course was a revelation in itself of the splendid cooking of the ladies. There were about 125 seated at the four large tables placed in the parlors of the church, and when the members of the class and their visitors were seated at the tables in the handsomely decorated room it was a most beautiful sight, especially with the background of handsome young ladies who served the "feed."

The M. W. A. orchestra, under the direction of Mr. W. R. Holly, had very kindly donated their services to the class for the evening and discoursed some very fine music during the course of the banquet, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. Attorney William A. Robertson presided over the banquet and greatly pleased the large crowd of banqueters with his clever introduction of the various speakers, and was in his best vein last evening, especially in the introduction of the local talent that appeared on the toast list.

Andrew O. Moore, vice president of the bible class, welcomed the visitors in a few very terse remarks, the subject of his address being "Again," and he gave the guests at the banquet a most hearty welcome to the gathering, as well as an invitation to join with them in the good work that they were doing.

George H. Falter followed Mr. Moore with a splendid address, his topic being, "Lost Motion," and his speech showed great thought in its preparation and was filled with some strong illustrations of how the human energy is wasted and how the successful business men have achieved that success by utilizing the waste products and made what the others had wasted produce the greatest results for them.

Prof. Frank J. Kohlhaba favored the gathering with a splendid selection on the violin, being an arrangement of four of the famous American songs which the professor had transcribed and arranged himself. This selection was given in the professor's usual finished manner and further added to the reputation that Mr. Kohlhaba has in this city as a musician of more than usual ability.

Former District Attorney Goss of Omaha addressed the gathering in one of the finest speeches that has been heard in this city and the only regret was that the auditors were not given a more extensive speech. The address was delivered along the lines of the higher ideals that enter into the lives of the human races and that the higher ideals are what makes life worth while.

Frank H. Smith of the Journal spoke briefly of what the class had done for the betterment of the young men of the city and what good could be done in the future through such movements.

Charles A. Alden of Omaha spoke at length on the subject of "Modern Patriotism" and told how the patriotism that dominated the residents of the country in the pioneer days was the true patriotism and that which was founded upon the faith in the word of God, and wherever that word had been preached there had civilization made its greatest conquests and that the country could only secure true reform by striking at the root of all corruption and evil-doing and that was by securing a more firm faith in

the teachings of the Christian principals.

Following Mr. Alden, Don C. York gave one of his beautiful bass solos that has so often delighted Plattsmouth audiences, and in response to the encore rendered that dear old southern song, "Old Black Joe." E. H. Wescott played the accompaniment for both Prof. Kohlhaba and Mr. York in his usual delightful manner.

It is a matter of regret that we are unable to print the speeches of Mr. Goss and Mr. Alden in full, as they were both an intellectual treat to those who were present at the banquet.

EARLIER DAYS OF THE PLATTSMOUTH PAPERS

When Surveyor General's Office Was Here and H. M. Bushnell Was Editor of the Herald.

From Friday's Daily.

None of the political sanitary officials appear to have been alarmed any by the fact that the Plattsmouth News-Herald, a republican paper that had attained an antiquity of forty-eight years, expired the other day, just after the returns of the election had had time for proper digestion.

It was a relic of the old Plattsmouth Herald, a landmark in the republican journalism of Nebraska a quarter of a century ago. In those days it was a prosperous concern, and was rather arrogant and condescending in its contact with its contemporaries among the country papers of Nebraska.

In the good old days when the office of the surveyor general of Nebraska was located at that point, and the profits were distributed among the republican statesmen who made Plattsmouth their home, there was a tradition that handkerchiefs full of golden eagles used to find their way into the Herald office whenever the pot was divided.

Be that as it may, it is a fact that when the office of surveyor general of Nebraska was abolished, it did not take the Plattsmouth Herald long to fall into financial doldrums. Ambitious republicans emanating from Cass county have ever since contemplated its maladies with generous misgivings. It has been repeatedly rejuvenated and supplied with new capital, but it has never been able to recuperate from its painful disassociation with the rich federal jack-pot that arose from its contiguity to the surveyor general's office.

A little over twenty-nine years ago a new rival butted into the field, that has since been known as the Plattsmouth Journal. It had no federal sustenance upon which to rely. Plattsmouth was then a remarkably sprightly town. Another rival was the Enterprise, published by H. M. Bushnell, now of Lincoln. In one of the rejuvenations Mr. Bushnell acquired the Herald, the late John A. MacMurphy retiring. But even Bushnell could not make the paper prosper after the surveyor general was gone. It hung on precariously until a few days ago, when it was absorbed by the Plattsmouth Journal, its old-time weakling rival. It could not stand the strain of democratic victory in state and nation.

Doings in Court.

From Friday's Daily.

Today the county court was occupied with hearing the will case of Mrs. Mary Miller. Acting Judge Taylor occupied the bench in place of Judge Beeson, who drew up one of the wills and was barred from setting on the case. The case is being warmly contested and several witnesses are on hand to testify in the case.

Judge Travis this morning was hearing a motion in the case of the Kemper Mill and Elevator Co. vs. the Farmers' Elevator Co. The case is from the Otoe county district court.

For Sale.

Twenty-one acres of good land, just outside of the city limits on North Eighth and Ninth streets. No city taxes. Will sell cheap for cash. Call on Mrs. J. E. Lesley for particulars.

ELECTION MAY NOT BE HELD NEXT YEAR

Legislature to Decide on the Amendment for Biennial Elections.

From Friday's Daily.

Assuming that the intent of the constitutional amendment for biennial elections was to abolish political campaigns in off years as soon as possible, the commission engaged in recodifying the statutes of Nebraska will, in its report to the legislature, ignore any provision for holding an election in 1913. It will remain for the legislature in the first instance and the courts finally to decide whether or not one shall be held, says the Lincoln Star.

While the amendment mentions the election to be held in 1913, it is so clumsily worded that its exact significance is hard to arrive at. As the measure has been interpreted by the attorney general's office, an election must be held next year, but the officers then chosen will not begin to serve for more than a year afterward, or in January, 1915, since the amendment provides that the terms of officers now serving shall be extended one year to carry them through 1914.

With this latter provision included, there is no use of holding an election in 1913, since the officers can be chosen at the general election of 1914, in time to take their seats the following January.

DEATH OF JUDGE ELEAZER WAKELY

From Friday's Daily.

The dean of the Nebraska bar, Judge Eleazer Wakely, passed away yesterday noon at his home in Omaha at the advanced age of 90 years. Judge Wakely was well known to many of our citizens, especially the older residents, as he was one of the pioneers of the state and aided largely in the forming of the state and its laws and had been a frequent visitor to this city, the last occasion being when he was here in attendance at the funeral of his old friend, Canon Burgess.

The judge was admitted to the bar in 1844 and was appointed associate justice of the territorial court of Nebraska by President Pierce in 1857 and held that office until 1861, when he resigned and moved back to Wisconsin, where he re-entered public life as a member of the legislature. The new western country made a great impression on the young lawyer and in 1867 he removed to Omaha, where he entered the practice of law and had since that time been one of the leading citizens of the state.

In politics the judge was a strong, rock-ribbed democrat and aided greatly in sustaining the party in the state during the days when the democrats were very scarce. The judge held the office of district judge in Douglas county for years, and was later the attorney for the Union Pacific Railroad company, in which capacity he added much luster to his legal fame. The last words of this distinguished and venerable jurist were characteristic of his long and useful life and were: "God is good," and he gently fell into his everlasting rest. The deceased is the father of W. E. Wakely, general passenger agent of the Burlington.

Death Not Far Off.

From Saturday's Daily.

The information has been received in this city from the authorities at the Lincoln asylum for the insane, stating that Geo. McPherson, who was sent to the asylum from this city about two years ago, was in a dying condition and that his death was expected at any minute. The body of the unfortunate man will probably be brought to this city for interment.

Marshall, Dentist, Coates block.

With the Sick Folks.

From Friday's Daily.

Miss Anna Egenberger, who was operated upon a few days ago in the Immanuel hospital in Omaha, is reported as getting along nicely and it is to be hoped she will soon be able to return home. Yesterday morning Alvin Murray was operated upon in the Immanuel hospital in Omaha and at the last reports he was feeling slightly improved, although suffering a great deal of pain from the effects of the operation.

CHOPIE ENGINE COMPANY RUSHED

Receives Word That Four First-Class Mechanics Would Arrive From Kansas City Tomorrow.

The Chopie Gasoline Engine company, which has been running rather short-handed for the past few weeks, has just received word from Kansas City that four first-class mechanics would arrive here this evening or tomorrow to enter the employ of the company at the foundry in this city. The orders for the engines are coming in so rapidly now that it is quite likely that the factory will be compelled to run a night shift in order to fill the advance orders that are already on hand.

The company is coming right to the front since the re-organization and the prospects are that within a very short time the Chopie company will become one of the largest manufacturing concerns in the state and employ a large number of men. The factory on turn-out two engines a day, and if the night force is put on the capacity can be increased to four per day, which means that the factory is on the highway to success and that it will mean a new era for the business life of the city, as it is the intention of the company to try and secure married men for workmen in the factory and that will increase the population of the city considerably, as well as mean that more money will find its way into the various business houses of the city. The company expects to have about fourteen men employed in the factory by Monday morning.

Let the citizens of Plattsmouth lend their assistance to this worthy enterprise and put this city on the map as the most wide-awake town in the state, and the efforts put forth in this cause will result in great good for the entire community.

A PLATTSMOUTH BOY'S FOOT BALL RECORD

From Friday's Daily.

The numerous friends in this city of Evan Noble will be pleased to learn of his success in his school work at the Kearney Military Academy, which he is attending this year. Evan is a member of the foot ball team of that institution and they have already won three games this season, which is a mighty good record, and Evan is one of the strongest players they have on the eleven. He has also been elected as captain of his cadet company, and is very popular with both the students and the faculty of the school, as he possesses a very winning personality, and while here made a large circle of friends. Charles and George F. Dovey of this city are also students at the academy and are forging to the front in their school work.

Here From Cedar Creek.

From Friday's Daily.

Henry Heil, jr., and daughter, Miss Edna, and Mrs. Wendell Heil motored to this city yesterday in Mr. Wendell Heil's fine new Reo automobile. While in the city Mr. Henry Heil and daughter were callers at the Journal office. The new car is a beauty and attracted a great deal of attention on the streets by its handsome appearance.

Thomsen, Dentist, Wescott Bldg.

NATIONAL GOOD ROADS PROJECT

Trunk Lines of Paved Roads Connecting the Capital of Every State.

From Saturday's Daily.

A great deal of applause will be given the project of Representative Warburton of Washington, who will introduce a bill at the next session of congress for a system of good roads. He proposes a national military highway. It contemplates the construction of trunk lines of paved roadways connecting the capital of every state with the national capital, with the capital of every other state, and also with the national parks. The states are to grant to the government the rights of way required, together with the improvements upon them, says the Lincoln Star.

The paved roadway is to be sixteen feet wide, with heavy concrete base, with a hard surface of asphalt or brick, in order to make the roads as nearly as possible dustless. The estimated cost is from \$20,000 to \$25,000 a mile.

This project would require an enormous sum, and inasmuch as the problem before the new administration will be a reduction of excessive taxation through the tariff, it is undoubtedly going to encounter some obstacles. Unless we conclude that reductions of the tariff would result in largely increased receipts through importations, we are not likely to have any great sums to put into great national undertakings.

However, it is not Representative Warburton's idea that this money should come from tariff taxes. He suggests that the internal revenue tax of 1879 be restored for that purpose, calculating that it would produce \$80,000,000 a year. It sounds like a pretense to call this proposed highway a military road. Frankness would designate it as an automobile course. But it will sound good until someone thinks of the new tax it will necessitate.

FAMILY OF ARTHUR WILES STRICKEN WITH DIPHTHERIA

From Saturday's Daily.

The dread disease, diphtheria, has entered the home of one of the families of the community, that of Arthur Wiles, living northeast of town. The disease has appeared in its most malignant form and resulted in death to one little sufferer in the home, Paul Goodale, aged 3. The two other children and the father are also suffering with the malady, but hopes of their recovery are maintained as anti-toxin has been administered in time, it is thought to counteract the disease. At noon Thursday the father was reported as being quite ill, while the children were improving. A quarantine is in effect and it is sincerely hoped that no further cases may develop.

The funeral of little Paul was held Wednesday at 2 p. m., Rev. Townsend officiating.—Weeping Water Republican.

REV. D. L. DUNKELBERGER ACCEPTS CALL FROM CHURCH

From Friday's Daily.

The Christian church of this city has just received an acceptance of their call from Rev. D. L. Dunkelberger, who was recently in this city conducting services at that church. Rev. Dunkelberger made many friends during his short stay in this city and they will be delighted to learn that he has decided to move here and take charge of the church, as he is one of the ablest ministers of that faith in the state and will add greatly to the upbuilding of the church in this city.

Cabbage, apples and cider for sale by S. O. Cole.

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Call Again, John.

From Saturday's Daily.

John Kelly, one of the best fellows in the world, was in the city today looking after some business matters and called at the Journal office and renewed his subscription for another year. Mr. Kelly is one of the leading farmers living near Cedar Creek and it is always a great pleasure to meet him.

WHY NOT A HOSPITAL FOR PLATTSMOUTH?

Our Citizens Should Be Greatly Benefited and Money Saved by Such an Institution Here.

From Saturday's Daily.

There is one thing that the city of Plattsmouth needs in the worst way and that is a hospital where those who are compelled to undergo treatment can be taken and receive the same care they do in the hospitals in Omaha and Lincoln, and without all the expense that is installed in placing patients in the hospitals in the large cities.

Glenwood has just launched a new hospital in that city, having purchased one of the large residences there and converted it into a hospital, with two trained nurses in charge. This could be easily done in this city, where there are a number of locations that would not require a great deal of money to place in proper shape for use of the sick folks, and where they could be in constant touch with their relatives and friends and where the local doctors could have charge of the different patients. The Glenwood hospital does not expect to handle any surgery cases at the start, but they will probably install an operating room at a later date. This plan could be followed out here and it would be an easy matter to secure a residence that could be used for that purpose and that could be equipped with several wards for the care of those needing treatment or care that it is not always possible to secure in their own homes.

Let the matter be pushed and see if it is not possible to leave some of the money at home that annually passes from here into the hospital in Omaha. It will be possible to maintain expert nurses here who can give the same attention to the patients that they receive in Omaha and at about half the cost and the relatives can have the satisfaction of having them where they can be at their bedside any time it is desired.

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CONTRACT FOR RIP-RAP FOR NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD

From Saturday's Daily.

The Van Court quarry in East Nehawka that was shut down a few weeks ago has reopened and will be busy all winter. They have an order for 12,000 tons of rip-rap rock to be shipped to Blair, Neb., for use at the Northwestern bridge, and as this means about 400 cars, it will take some time to fill it.

Mr. Lundberg became reminiscent in giving us the above item, and says he remembers that 20 years ago this same quarry began shipping rip-rap to the bridge at Blair and for the three years following they shipped hundreds of cars, at times sending as high as twenty a day. He is of the opinion that the bridge has cost as much to date as the Panama canal.

The boarding house has been re-opened and the company will employ from fifteen to twenty men all winter.—Nehawka News.

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