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## PLEASANT AFFAIR AT THE GERING HOME

Given in Honor of Messrs. Ludwig Miller and Leonhardt Pfeiffer, Visiting Guests.

From Friday's Daily.  
Last evening the Gering home on North Sixth street was the scene of a delightful dancing party, given by Misses Mia and Barbara Gering, in honor of Messrs. Ludwig Miller of Omaha and Leonhardt Pfeiffer of Olweira, Iowa, who are guests at the Gering home over the holiday season. The house was decorated most handsomely in holiday colors of green and red and made a very pretty setting for the crowd of young people who enjoyed themselves to the utmost, as is always the case with anyone who has the pleasure of being invited to the Gering home. During the course of the evening delicious refreshments were served, which added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. The guests were: Misses Lillian Dwyer, Edith Dovey, Margaret Donelan, Jessie Fox, Janette Patterson, Barbara Clement, Florence Egenberger, Harriet Clement, Gretchen Donnelly, Janet Clement, Marie Donnelly, Gertrude Morgan, Lucille Gass, Helen Dovey, Helen Gass, Florence Dovey, Hallie Parmele, Madeline Minor, Gladys McMaken, Violet Dodge, Stella Blake, Racine, Wisconsin; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tip-ton, Seward, Neb.; Messrs. Dwight Patterson, Sam Windham, Charles Dovey, Norman Dickson, Carl Schmidtman, Milton McMaken, Stanley Kuhns, John Falter, Ralph Marshall, Matthew Herold, Governor Dovey, Pollock Parmele, George Dovey, Lynn Minor, Conrad Schlater, Henry McMaken, Will Egenberger and Edwin Fricke.

## FUNERAL OF THE LATE JAMES HODGERT

Last Sad Rites Attended by Large Number of Sympathetic Friends and Neighbors.

From Friday's Daily.  
The funeral of the late James Hodgert occurred yesterday afternoon from the late home on West Main street and was attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends, who had gathered to pay their last respects to this worthy man, who for so many years was one of our most highly esteemed citizens and who had such a large part in the life of the city during the time that he was a resident here. The services were conducted by Rev. M. W. Lorimer of the First Presbyterian church, who spoke of the life of the worthy man and gave words of comfort to the sorrowing widow and daughter who are left to mourn his loss. Several of the favorite hymns which the deceased had so loved when in life were sung by Misses Mathilde Valley and Estelle Baird. The casket was borne by old friends of the family to the last resting place in Oak Hill cemetery, the following gentlemen acting as pall-bearers: J. M. Roberts, D. C. Morgan, C. A. Rawls, E. H. Wescott, J. B. Donnelly and G. L. Farley. The passing of this worthy man will be a cause of great regret to everyone who was acquainted with Mr. Hodgert, as he was a man who impressed everyone with his sturdy character and high citizenship.

### Mrs. Rawls Improving.

From Friday's Daily.  
Reports from the bedside of Mrs. Glen Rawls at the hospital in Omaha continue to be most pleasing, as she is gradually gaining strength and is now able to take nourishment, and at the present rate it will only be a short time until she has entirely recovered from the effects of the operation.

Marshall, Dentist, Coates block.

### Off for a Big Trip.

From Friday's Daily.  
L. R. Upton and Joe Bauer departed yesterday morning to take a little jaunt over some of the country, expecting to be gone for several weeks. They go via Chicago, and after making a few stops on the way they will land in Havana and spend some time seeing what Cuba looks like, then they will go over into Florida to visit Hallie Delaney and family and inspect the land which Mr. Upton owns there. No doubt they will have a grand good time on this trip, and Roy has agreed that if possible he will find a fine Cuban wife for Joe to bring home.—Union Ledger.

## DEGREE OF HONOR INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

From Friday's Daily.  
Last evening the Degree of Honor lodge held their installation of officers at the A. O. U. W. hall, the ceremony being in charge of Past Chief Miss Teresa Hemple, and was attended by a large representation of the lodge membership. Following the lodge meeting a social session was held, which was largely attended by the friends of the lodge and a most delightful time enjoyed until a late hour. High five furnished the amusement for a large number of the guests, while the younger people indulged in dancing until a late hour, and the occasion was one of much enjoyment to those fortunate enough to be present. Light refreshments were served, which further augmented the pleasures of the evening, and it was with great regret that the members and their friends said the hour for leaving roll around and they will await with pleasure the next opportunity to be the guests of this splendid order. There were about eighty present to enjoy the occasion.

## AT THE PARMENE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

"The Shepherd of the Hills," Harold Bell Wright's novel, which has been accorded the largest sale in the history of publishing in America, has been made into a play by Mr. Wright, with the assistance of Elsbury W. Reynolds. It will be seen for the first time in this city at the Parmene theater, Wednesday night, January 8. It tells a beautiful story of the Ozark mountains, a story that holds the auditor by its thrills from the beginning to the end. It is unique in character-drawing, giving to the stage a somewhat new atmosphere. The beauty of the Ozark mountain region lends itself to some very effective stage pictures, and Gaskill and MacVitty, the producers, are said to have given the play an exceptionally beautiful mounting.

## INVITED BY POLICE JUDGE TO WALK OUT OF TOWN

From Friday's Daily.  
Yesterday William Moore and Roy Ryan were brought before his honor, Judge M. Areher, charged with being drunk and vagrancy. The prisoners entered a plea of guilty to the first charge, but indignantly denied the second, and the judge allowed their plea to stand and fined them \$5 and costs. The judge stated to the prisoners that he would allow them to walk the streets of Plattsmouth for just thirty minutes, but after that length of time the police would put them in the handsome county jail to languish until justice had been satisfied. There has been nothing seen of the prisoners since, so it is presumed that they accepted the judge's invitation.

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## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEMBERS

About 150 Present, Election of Officers and a Genuine Feast of Good Things Served.

From Friday's Daily.  
The annual meeting of the Christian church was held at the Woodman building Wednesday and the larger portion of the day was taken up in the business and social sessions of the different church societies and the membership of the church in general. The Helpers of the church had prepared an elegant repast, which was served in the dining room at the noon hour, and over 150 sat down to partake of the sumptuous dinner set before them and all were loud in their praise of the ladies and their elegant cooking. The dining room had been decorated in a very neat and appropriate manner and presented a very handsome appearance. After the dinner had been served all repaired to the halls above, where, in the larger rooms, all those who desired enjoyed a fine social time, while in the smaller rooms the reports of the various church societies were read and the provision for the future of these societies discussed. The Sunday school was reported as being in a most flourishing condition, as are the other auxiliaries of the church. After the reports of the societies had been read and discussed the church membership elected its officers for the ensuing year, with the following results: Elders, Thomas Wiles, W. R. Bryan and G. P. Eastwood; deacons, John Stander, L. L. Wiles, Claude May-abb, O. C. Hudson, C. M. Manners and P. F. Rhin; deaconesses, Mesdames Thomas Wiles, C. M. Foster, Inez Stenner, Clara Briggs, Lottie Engels and C. M. Manners. W. R. Bryan was elected trustee for three years. Rev. D. L. Dunkelberger was elected ex-officio member of the official board, and M. S. Briggs selected to serve as secretary of the board.

## CHRISTMAS GATHERING AT STRAUB BROTHERS' HOME

From Friday's Daily.  
A Merry Christmas gathering was held at the beautiful residence of Straub Brothers December 25, where the color scheme of the season was tastefully carried out under the supervision of Miss Judith and Donna Straub. At the dinner hour, under the supervision of Mrs. Christensen, all sat down to the table, which fairly groaned with delicacies, and all partook of a five-course dinner. The evening was spent in games, songs and music until the arrival of Santa Claus with his heavily laden sack, when all followed his merry jingling bells to the beautifully decorated Christmas tree. There, amid the shouts and laughter of the little folks and the merry-making of all present jolly Old Santa distributed his many presents to the old and young. Santa had even the oldest guessing as to his identity when they detected the Scottish accent while distributing numerous packages. At a late hour the merry-makers departed, having fully enjoyed themselves in every respect, and extending to each other the wish of attending many more such happy gatherings as the one spent at Straub Brothers' home.

### Kill Two Large Wolves.

From Friday's Daily.  
Wednesday morning some thirty-two men, armed to the teeth with all kinds of artillery, started out from Murray and participated in a wolf hunt along the territory adjacent to the Missouri river, and as a result two large wolves and six jackrabbits were secured to add to the game bags of the hunters. Another hunt will be pulled off next Monday and anyone who wants to get in can do so by gathering at Murray with the rest of the hunting party.

Thomsen, Dentist, Wescott Bldg.

### Billy Gets the Whole Hog.

From Friday's Daily.  
When Rev. W. A. Taylor came home Monday evening he found a nice dressed hog had been deposited there, which of course was an acceptable present, and Mr. Taylor quite naturally supposed it was a gift from some friend who had received a benefit from the sermons or a sinner who desired to enlist his aid in repentance. Later the discovery was made that one Mr. D. Blair Porter was the gentleman who made the deposit, and now the minister is ready and willing to do whatever service D. Blair thinks is most needed in his case.—Union Ledger.

## BOYS AND GIRLS RENEW THEIR SCHOOL FRIENDSHIP

High School Class of 1912 Enjoys Banquet at M. W. A. Hall Wednesday Night.

From Friday's Daily.  
Wednesday evening the members of the Plattsmouth high school class of 1912 held a most enjoyable banquet at the handsome banquet room of the M. W. A. hall, which was attended by some fifteen members of the class and a most enjoyable time was had by the young people in renewing the school friendships and talking over the plans for the formation of an alumni association. The banquet was very elaborate and greatly enjoyed by the participants. Major Arries acted as toastmaster and filled the position with great ability and won many compliments over his clever introductions of the various speakers of the evening. The toast, "Our Alumnus Master," was responded to by Rue Frans of Union in a few well chosen remarks concerning the benefits they had received from the instructions of the Plattsmouth high school. Miss Edna Shoop spoke on the "Class of 1912," and told of the various members of the class and what they had contributed toward the school and how they had fared since the graduation, while the toast, "The Boys of the Class," was handled in a very clever manner by Miss Goldie Noble, and the young men who graduated in the class may well be proud of the way in which the speaker spoke of them. Elmer Frans told of "School Days" and of the pleasant associations that had been formed by all the members of the class and how these meetings served to bring together all the members of the class again. The formation of an alumni association of the class members will be the cause of many very happy reunions and prove a source of much benefit to everyone.

## THE MORTGAGE RECORD OF CITY AND COUNTY FOR 1912

From Friday's Daily.  
The mortgage record for the year 1912 shows that while the number of releases on farm property exceeded the number filed, the value of those filed exceeded that of the releases by a large amount. On city property the number filed were more than the releases and exceeded in value those that were released. The figures were as follows:  
Farm mortgages filed, 214; value, \$934,841.  
City mortgages filed, 147; value, \$146,100.  
Farm mortgages released, 224; value, \$692,938.  
City mortgages released, 112; value, \$99,430.

### Asks for Information.

From Friday's Daily.  
District Clerk James Robertson received a letter today from Burwell, Neb., inquiring for information concerning M. A. Brooks, who settled on a homestead in that section years ago, and whom it is thought went there from this county years ago. The information was desired by D. W. DeLashmutt, formerly of Pacific Junction, who has become interested in the land.

## WARNING IN REFERENCE TO SELECTING YOUR SEED CORN

From Friday's Daily.  
Warning was issued Tuesday by agricultural experts at the state farm that farmers must cautiously select their seed corn, as much such corn has been found to contain excessive moisture, thus increasing the hazard of successful germination. While corn seeding conditions at this time are better than they were a year ago, Prof. C. W. Pugsley says that institute workers have detected the moisture and that this may influence the next year's crop. He recommends that seed corn be carefully selected as soon as possible and kept in a dry place until used. He says that careful tests for germination must be made before planting. Up to the present time, Pugsley says, dead ears have been found in nearly all exhibits at the corn shows, indicating that it is not safe to plant corn without a preliminary test.

## NUMBER OF MOTORCYCLES SOLD IN NEBRASKA IN 1912

From Friday's Daily.  
The following shows the number and makes of the different motorcycles that were sold in the state of Nebraska between January 1, 1912, and December 4, 1912. This shows the rapidly increasing popularity of the motorcycle as a means of travel and recreation: Excelsior, 255; Indian, 222; Harley-Davidson, 129; Thor, 63; Yale, 49; Wagner, 39; Merkel, 32; Reading-Standard, 25; Flanders, 25; American, 22; Sears, 20; Marsh-Metz, 19; Racy-cyle, 16; Henderson, 13; Mon-areh, 12; Pierce, 10; Pope, 8; Em-blen, 6; Curtis, 5; Marvel, 4; Aurora, 4; Eric, 4; N. S. U., 4; Arrow, 3; Haverford, 2; Min-neapolis, 2; Imperial, 2; Stod-dard-Dayton, 2; Olds, 2; Stanley, 2; Torpedo, 2; Shaw, 2; Alliance, 1; Kokomo, 1; Harford, 1; Triumph, 1; Detroit, 1; L. H. C., 1; Shickel, 1; Reliance, 1; Kul-ture, 1; Waverly, 1; Cox, 1; Era, 1; Greyhound, 1; Thieme, 1.

## GLEN PERRY HURT BY TEAM RUNNING AWAY

From Friday's Daily.  
Wednesday evening while Glen Perry was driving along the road with a load of wood near his home, west of Mynard, his team became frightened and ran away, with the result that he was thrown off the wagon and received several severe concussions and remained in an unconscious condition until 5 o'clock this morning, when he regained consciousness, greatly to the relief of the doctors, who greatly feared that he had sustained some severe injury. The team was found later in the pasture of Mr. Perry with only the two front wheels of the wagon left, the rest of it and the wood being scattered along the route taken by the horses in their wild run. Mr. Perry is feeling slightly improved today, although very sore and bruised up.

### Ladies' Aid Meets.

From Friday's Daily.  
The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church were delightfully entertained in the parlors of the church yesterday afternoon, Mesdames E. F. Beeson, Nettie Beeson and Sarah Brady being the hostesses on this occasion. The ladies held their regular business session, at which time plans for the new year were discussed. The remainder of the afternoon was very pleasantly whiled away in a most enjoyable social time and amusements of various kinds. An excellent luncheon was served, and at the usual hour all dispersed, voting these three hostesses excellent entertainers.

If you have a house for rent try a Journal Want Ad.

### Bastardly Case Settled.

From Friday's Daily.  
This morning in Justice Archer's court the famous bastardly case of Miss Martha Weitzel vs. Fred Ethredge, was settled by the defendant paying the plaintiff the sum of \$100 and the costs of the case. The trial attracted quite a number of spectators, who expected to hear some interesting testimony, but they were badly disappointed, as the compromise stopped the trial and the matter is all settled. The parties in the case reside in the vicinity of Greenwood and are both well known to everyone in that locality.

## "THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS"

One of Most Popular and Interesting Plays in Existence at Parmene Wednesday Night.

From Saturday's Daily.  
Harold Bell Wright's most popular novel, "The Shepherd of the Hills," of which a million copies have been sold, has been made into a play by its author, with the assistance of Elsbury W. Reynolds. The first production of this play in this city will take place at the Parmene theater next Wednesday night, January 8, where it plays an engagement of one night only. The play is practically a true narrative of life among the humble dwellers of the Ozarks. It touches all the emotions and its influence is wholesome and helpful, notwithstanding several rough characters that figure more or less prominently. The shepherd of the story is a cultured and rough stranger who comes into the hills, glad to escape from the vanities and conventionalities to which he has been accustomed. There is a flock needing a shepherd and he thankfully accepts the lowly occupation of a sheep tender, but soon becomes shepherd of a human flock, the big-hearted mountaineers, their families and all who need a friend and adviser. Among his most devoted followers are Old Matt and Young Matt, the giants of the hills; Sammy Lane, glorious in the beauty of young womanhood, and Poor Pete, a deranged lad, who understands the voices of nature and sees what others cannot see. There is a mystery of the hills that often terrifies, but at last the solution is brought about by Pete and the shepherd, and it is the latter who is most deeply afflicted and concerned. It is hardly necessary to add that a pretty romance is woven into the humor, pathos and tragedy, for the play throughout is one of human interest, with a conclusion that is thoroughly satisfactory to Young Matt, and of course, to the auditors. Mesdames Gaskill and MacVitty, the producers, have given the play a superb scenic mounting and a cast that has been carefully selected for its fitness to each type.

## IMPROVEMENTS AT OFFICE OF THE LIGHTING COMPANY

From Saturday's Daily.  
The Nebraska Lighting company are making some improvements in the interior of their office building on Main street preparatory to installing a full and up-to-date line of electrical appliances for the use in the home and places of business of the patrons of the company. Warga & Cecil, who have had their office with the light company, will remove to another location and the business be continued by Jesse Warga, who has taken over the interests of his partner, Hugh Cecil. It is the intention of the light company to arrange to display the various electrical fixtures in full operation in order that the purchasers can see exactly what they are buying. When remodelled the company will have a very neat and attractive store room.

The Journal for Calling Cards.