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THE COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING

The Attendance Was Not Large, but Many Matters of Interest Were Discussed.

From Friday's Daily.

The Plattsmouth Commercial club held its first meeting of the year last evening at their rooms in the Coates' block, and the general feeling expressed was that the year just beginning held greater possibilities for the club and the city than any person imagined and that it only needed a little energy and getting together of the citizens to make 1913 a red letter year in the annals of the city. Vice President Falter presided over the meeting, as President Pollock was in Omaha and unable to attend.

After the discussion of different communications, which had been read by the secretary, the president announced the election of officers for the ensuing year. For the office of president the name of Henry Schneider was placed in nomination, and on motion, he was elected unanimously, as well as was Philip Thierolf for vice president. When the office of secretary was reached, E. H. Wescott placed the name of Secretary Tidd before the club for re-election, but Mr. Tidd stated that his business affairs were such that it would be impossible for him to accept the office for another term and that he would request the club to pick someone else to fill the position. The club then insisted that Mr. Wescott accept the office, which he had filled before with such credit to himself and the club, and despite his protests, he was elected to the office. Rae F. Patterson, who has been treasurer of the club during the past year, was unanimously re-elected to the office which he has filled so creditably. The Commercial club can be congratulated on the choice it has made in its officers, as they will make fitting successors for the present able set of officers and can be depended on to get into the harness and boost for the interests of the city all the time.

Secretary Tidd thanked the members for the assistance they had given him during the period he had served as secretary of the club, and although his business affairs would not permit him to retain the office he would be found in the ranks, giving whatever aid he could to the club.

President-elect Schneider was called upon for a few remarks and stated that while he believed there were more able members for the office of president, he appreciated the honor conferred upon him and would attempt to discharge the duties of the office to the best of his ability and would devote all the time that he could to the upbuilding of the club. He stated that the club offered a great field for good for the city and that every person in the city who had the least interest here should belong to the club, that the interchange of ideas could prove of benefit to every member and tend to the upbuilding of the city.

The proposition of holding another banquet was discussed and it was decided to have a committee appointed by the president to take the matter in hand and arrange for the gathering. Mr. Falter stated that he would donate the use of Coates' hall for the banquet night, which generous offer was accepted by the club, and the matter will be taken up at once and arrangements made for holding the banquet, which, if it is anything like the previous ones, will be most successful.

Mr. Wescott, in a few remarks, stated that he believed that the Commercial club should endeavor to get in closer touch with the men employed in the Burlington shops and have them enter into the work that the club is doing, and that the mutual interests of everyone would be benefited by it. The club was not only laboring for the interests of the merchants, but the idea of it was to improve the city in every respect and that every man in the city who had the interests of the city at heart

and made his home here should be a member of the club and take part in the deliberations of that body. There were no bars to the membership and every citizen of the town was desired and welcomed in the club membership and they were needed there, where they could work for the city's welfare. The club should become more popular with the people and greater interest taken in its work, as it is the organization that is laboring for the welfare of the city and its interests.

Mr. Falter brought up the matter of having the directors of the club meet together once a week at noonday luncheon, at which time they could be greatly benefited by the interchange of ideas at these gatherings. The matter of giving these luncheons has been arranged for and they will be the source of much benefit, not only to the directors, but the club as well. The cost of the luncheons will be paid by the directors themselves, and not cost the club anything.

The meeting of the club was very profitable to everyone attending and many good ideas for the winter campaign outlined and the year's work opens up with the best prospects for success.

The retirement of President Pollock comes after two years of very faithful service to the city and its best interests and during the time he has held this office he has spared no efforts to give the club all the time and energy that he could, and the splendid record that the club has made has been largely through his efforts. Secretary Tidd and Vice President Falter have also been very zealous workers for the best interests of the club during the time they have been in the club and have served as officers of that organization.

GOVERNOR MOREHEAD'S MESSAGE VERY FRANK

He Opposes a New Capital Building and the Removal of State University.

From Friday's Daily.

Upon every proposition of current interest to the people of Nebraska Governor Morehead has frankly and candidly expressed his convictions in the message he presented to the legislators. There is no trimming upon any public question. He bluntly declares what he thinks ought to be done, or what he believes should not be done, in the adjustment of the state's affairs.

Every recommendation embodied in his message is of the progressive order. There is no catering to special interests, to classes or to sectionalism. He has looked at every question upon its merits and has discussed it from his convictions in relation to it alone.

Through all of his message runs an unspoken appeal for economy. For instance, he favors a division of the work of the supreme court into sections, and not an increase in its membership. He favors an investigation of state institutions to the end that the number of employes may be reduced. He opposes the erection of a new capitol building and the removal of the university. He opposes spending money on the Panama exposition. In educational affairs he is for every measure that will increase the value of our institutions for the promotion of agriculture.

Many may differ with the governor upon the questions discussed in his message, but none can fail to admire the candor with which he states his position.

Receives Deserved Appointment.

Miss Jessie Fox, who served in such an efficient manner at the last session of the legislature, has received an appointment as a clerk of one of the committees of the house. Miss Fox is a very clever young lady and her appointment comes as a most worthy recognition of her services in the past.

The Journal Want Ads for results.

"THE SERVANT IN THE HOUSE" COMING SOON

"The Servant in the House," which Harper's magazine calls "the most remarkable play in the English language," and which the New York Evening Post says is "the greatest drama of the generation," will be presented at the Parmele theater Friday night, January 17, by the greatest company of players ever seen in the middle west. "The Servant in the House" was produced in New York at the Savoy theater, and ran for nearly a year, playing to crowded houses, even throughout the intense heat of the summer months. Since that time it has been presented in Chicago, San Francisco, Boston, Philadelphia and other large cities of this country, and in London, Berlin and Vienna, on the continent. Everywhere it has been proclaimed by critics the most important contribution to the stage that has been seen within the memory of the present day theater-goers. The central character of the play is a Hindoo, whom many critics call a reincarnation of Christ. The play, however, is entirely modern. Its scenes are laid in England and the events of the famous story are supposed to have occurred during one single morning in spring.

PLATTSMOUTH STATE BANK RE-ELECT OLD OFFICERS

From Friday's Daily.

The stockholders of the Plattsmouth State bank yesterday held their annual meeting and elected the officers of that institution for the ensuing year. The officers that have held during the past year were all re-elected and consist of the following named gentlemen: President, W. H. Newell; vice president, J. H. Becker; cashier, J. M. Roberts; assistant cashier, C. G. Fricke; directors, John Albert, W. H. Newell, J. P. Falter, J. H. Becker, J. M. Roberts, F. G. Fricke and L. B. Egenberger. The condition of the bank is most pleasing to the stockholders and a very substantial gain in the amount of business done during the year was shown, which was most gratifying, and under the able management of the bank officials the bank is constantly expanding and acquiring new business. The usual dividend was declared at the meeting.

LOYAL MYSTIC LEGION OF AMERICA INSTALL OFFICERS

From Friday's Daily.

The Loyal Mystic Legion of America held their installation of officers at the A. O. U. W. hall last evening, which was attended by a large number of the members of this most prosperous order. The following officers were placed in office to serve for the coming year: W. C. J. E. Mason; W. V. C. J. H. Eppings; W. P. Agnes Cotner; W. S. J. C. Peterson; W. T. L. H. Peterson; C. E. Mrs. Martha J. Peterson; C. P. Walter Cotner. The work of installing the officers was very impressive, and following the business session of the order the members adjourned to the hall below, where a fine social time was enjoyed until a late hour, in dancing and social conversation, which proved most pleasing to the members and their friends, who were present. At an appropriate hour most delicious refreshments were served by the committee, which served to finish up a most profitable and enjoyable evening. The Plattsmouth council has been in existence for fifteen years and during that time has paid out between \$40,000 and \$50,000 in benefits to the families of members. This order has one of the largest per capita surplus of any lodge in the state, and while its membership is not as large as many, still it stands head and shoulders above others in the state financially.

Big Wolf Hunt.

From Friday's Daily.

The lovers of the hunt in this city will be pleased to learn that a big wolf hunt has been arranged to take place next Monday morning, and everyone desiring to enter should be on Main street at 8 o'clock, armed with a shotgun—no rifles will be allowed—and the party will organize. Don't fail to be on hand with your weapon, as the hunt promises to be all that anyone could desire who is looking for excitement.

OFFICERS OF WOODMEN OF THE WORLD INSTALLED

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening the Woodmen of the World held their installation of officers at the G. A. R. hall. They were in charge of Sovereign V. M. Mullis and were very impressive ceremonies. The following officers were installed: R. B. Moffatt, C. C.; H. L. Kruger, banker; W. B. Rishel, clerk; George Sitzman, escort; Emil Alford, sentry; Dr. E. D. Cummins and Dr. E. W. Cook, physicians; H. M. Soennichsen, V. M. Mullis and R. B. Moffatt, managers. W. B. Rishel, deputy for Cass county, offers special inducements to all members to help make the year 1913 a record-breaker. For further information see him. He is also agent for the World Accident association, which pays a benefit for the first week's sickness.

DEATH OF FORMER PLATTSMOUTH YOUNG LADY

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. Rebecca Ferree, accompanied by her brother, W. T. Smith, and Miss Kittie Smith, departed this afternoon for Council Bluffs, where they were called by the death of Miss Clara Ferree, which occurred in that city this morning at 5 o'clock. Miss Ferree formerly resided in this city, where her mother now resides, and conducted a dancing school here for some months, until her health began to fail her. Her death occurred at the home of her sister in Council Bluffs, and the funeral will be held there, probably on Monday. Miss Ferree has been suffering for some time with dropsy, but her death came as a very sudden shock to her friends in this city, who will feel her loss most deeply.

Western Serum Co. Elects Officers

From Friday's Daily.

The Western Serum company of this city held their regular yearly meeting yesterday afternoon at the office of J. P. Falter, in the Coates' block, and elected new officers for the ensuing year. The following gentlemen were chosen: President, Henry Schneider; treasurer, T. H. Pollock; secretary, J. P. Falter. The company is in a most flourishing condition and the stockholders are highly pleased with the amount of business done the last year. John W. Falter was elected as superintendent of the company's plant south of this city, which position he has been holding since the removal from here of Dr. Greeder, last October.

Will Play at Elmwood.

From Friday's Daily.

The M. W. A. orchestra departed this afternoon for Elmwood, where they play tonight at a grand ball that is to be held in that city. This organization has made a good impression at the dances they have played at in the central part of the county, and their excellent music is in constant demand. They appear regularly at Weeping Water and Elmwood.

Good Banquet Committee.

From Friday's Daily.

President Schneider of the Commercial club has named Henry Goss, George H. Falter and John Hall as a committee to take care of the big banquet, and as the boys are hustlers, a big crowd and general good time can be looked for. The date for the banquet will be announced later.

WHAT THE COMMERCIAL CLUB HAS DONE

Over \$300,000 Spent in Improvements in Plattsmouth During the Years 1911-1912.

From Saturday's Daily.

What the Commercial club has done since its establishment, four years ago, is a matter that most of our citizens have given little thought, but the members have been pounding away on the proposition of improving and bettering the city and have made a record of which they have no need to feel ashamed, and since the time it has been in existence the city has advanced more than in fifteen years previous, and when business men and citizens awake to the great good that the organization can do and get into the club membership, as they should, the club can be made one of the biggest and best of the state and the city improved in pace with the efforts of the club. Below are a few of the propositions that have been made possible through the efforts of the club and its energetic members:

Do you know that the Plattsmouth Commercial club is only about 4 years old?

Do you know that in that time the government postoffice building was secured and built? It is a building that we may all feel proud of. With it came the paving of Vine, Fourth and Fifth streets, which adds so much towards the beautifying of the city.

Do you know that in that time the M. E. Smith shirt and overall factory was located in this city, which affords employment for from 30 to 40 people?

Do you know that in that time Chicago avenue was widened, graded and beautified?

Do you remember that four years ago the city was wholly in darkness, and when you came down town you were compelled to carry a lantern with you?

Do you recall that about two years ago Havelock was boasting that they were going to get the Burlington brass foundry away from this city?

Do you know that within the past year a wagon and automobile bridge was built across the Platte river, and that Plattsmouth is now located on the Omaha-Kansas City Scenic Route, and also on the Transcontinental Sunset Route from New York to Los Angeles for automobile travel?

Do you know that after the building of the Platte river bridge the United States army rifle range was located at Plattsmouth, which will bring from 2,000 to 3,000 soldiers to this city from two to four months each year?

Among other things accomplished in Plattsmouth was the building of a road to the ferry, the securing of a new road to the Platte river bridge, the building of the gasoline engine factory and foundry, the organization of the Western Serum company, which is now manufacturing anti-hog cholera serum and supplying the state agricultural departments of Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and many other states with Plattsmouth-made goods; that the Burlington band was organized to furnish such splendid concerts free in the summer season.

Do you recall that only four years ago there were several vacant store rooms in this city and a seeming expression of despair was written upon the countenances of almost every business man in the city? While today, for the first time in twenty years, there is not a single vacant store room for rent in the city, and instead of despair and low-spiritedness you find new, bright, up-to-date store fronts and enterprise and success written on every countenance.

Do you know that during the years 1911-12 there was more than \$300,000 spent in permanent improvements.

Directly in some and indirectly in others, the Plattsmouth Commercial club has performed its part in all these accomplishments. The Commercial club be-

lieves that this is the golden opportunity to make Plattsmouth a bigger, busier and better city than she has ever been. It can be done, if every mechanic, carpenter, painter, plasterer, paper-hanger, mason, laborer, property owner and citizen will join. In union there is strength; in united efforts there is achievement. Let's all join the Commercial club and make the year 1913 the banner year in achievement.

A CAT CAUGHT SUCKING CHILD'S BREATH

From Saturday's Daily.

There are perhaps many people who doubt that cats suck the breath of life out of children, but here is related an instance by the Glenwood Opinion that fully demonstrates that cats are dangerous in a sleeping room with children:

Some people do not believe a cat will suck the breath of a child. George Cross of Glenwood said he did not believe it either until Tuesday night of this week. A stray kitten came to their home in the south part of the city and they concluded they would keep it as a pet for their little child of 2 years, but now they think not. Tuesday night something mysterious caused Mrs. Cross to awaken in the night, and to her abject horror she found the kitten with its nose and mouth inserted clear into the child's mouth and lying sucking the little one's breath. The child was black and blue in the face and nearly dead. Mr. Cross vouches for the absolute truth of this statement. Of course the cat was removed and the child soon recovered, but probably ten or fifteen minutes more and its little life would have been ended then and there. Allow no cat where a child sleeps.

GREAT MUSICAL ORGANIZATION IS THE INDIAN ORCHESTRA

From Saturday's Daily.

The Iroquois Indian orchestra that appeared in concert at the Parmele theater last evening was one of the best musical attractions that has been here in a long time, and they gave a program very pleasing to all attending and they deserved a much larger crowd to hear their splendid playing. There were eight members in the orchestra and their music was of the highest order and ranged from classic numbers to rag-time and were all executed with brilliancy and skill. One vocal number was given by the soprano of the company, it being that always beautiful, "Silver Threads Among the Gold," and made a deep impression upon the audience. It is to be regretted that more of the music-loving public of the city were not present to hear this splendid concert. A large delegation from the Red Men lodge were present in a body to listen to the music.

HON. W. B. BANNING VISITS HIS PLATTSMOUTH FRIENDS

From Saturday's Daily.

Hon. W. B. Banning of Union was in the city last evening, coming up to attend the Masonic lodge last night. While here Senator Banning paid his respects to the Journal and spent a few moments in social chat. He attended the inauguration of Governor Morehead Thursday, and also met many of his friends from out in the state, who regretted his defeat for re-election. Senator Banning was a leader in the senate two years ago and proved one of its very ablest members. Such men as W. B. Banning are very few when it comes to serving in a legislative body, where common sense and good judgment prevail. People of Otoe and Cass counties will soon learn their mistake in the defeat of Senator Banning, if they have not already done so.

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