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PLATTE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Election of Officers for Ensuing Year and Condition of Affairs in Fine Shape.

From Friday's Daily.
At an adjourned meeting of the policy holders, at the office of Dr. C. A. Marshall, the Platte Mutual Insurance company of this city, last evening concluded its annual meeting by electing the following officers: H. M. Soennichsen, president; W. J. White, vice president; Dr. C. A. Marshall, treasurer; J. C. Peterson, secretary; Dr. C. A. Marshall, John Vondron and Thomas E. Parmele, directors. The reports of the officers showed the business of the company to be in excellent condition. All losses paid and no pending suits or claims against the company. The approval of the state auditor of the amended laws, limiting assessments of the company to one and one-half times the percentage collected upon issuing the policy, was read and entered of record.

This company has been doing a mutual insurance business in this city for the past fifteen years, collecting upon issuing a policy, one-half the old-line insurance rate, and has never during all that time made an assessment, and at present has more money in its treasury per thousand insurance in force than the average old-line company. The management of the company has at all times been careful and conservative and has during the past fifteen years saved to the people of this city who carried this insurance in this company thousands of dollars. What is furthermore, this is a home company that is doing its part to help build up the city. By insuring your property in this company you are saving on the premium paid and at the same time making your property more valuable by building up your town. Why wouldn't it be a good business policy for each property owner of the city to take a policy in our home company during the coming year?

"BUCK" EASY PREY FOR SPENCE OF LOUISVILLE

From Friday's Daily.
The wrestling match at the Majestic theater last evening between Joe Spence of Louisville and "Buck" Vallery of Mynard, was decidedly in favor of the Louisville boy, who was able to put Vallery down for two straight falls, and his far superior training and experience at the game was shown throughout the match. Vallery has lots of strength and courage, but lacks quickness and skill at the game and was no match for Spence. There was a good-sized crowd present to witness the contest. The first fall took four minutes, while the second one was only two minutes.

As a preliminary to the big match, "Red" Lear and Jack Price of this city put on a red-hot number, Price securing two straight falls in fourteen minutes, and is now in a position to claim the championship of the city, having thrown "Terrible" Dutch some weeks ago at the Red Men hall.

Faster Trains on the M. P.

From Friday's Daily.
Beginning next Sunday, January 19th, No. 108, now due at 11:25 a. m., will leave Plattsmouth at 12:11 p. m. and arrive at Kansas City at 6:05 p. m.; No. 105, which now arrives at 6:19 a. m., will arrive at 5:06 a. m.; No. 103 will leave Plattsmouth at 5:05 p. m., instead of 4:57. No change in 104, 106 and 107.

We have a few boxes of excellent stationery which we are selling at 22 cents a box, and the following letters in the initial paper: 2 I, 1 P, 2 E, 1 G, 4 O, 2 J, 2 C, which we are selling at 30c each.

Thomsen, Dentist, Wescott Bldg.

Remains Taken to Omaha.

From Friday's Daily.
The body of the late Fred Freeman, the brakeman killed near Cullom Wednesday afternoon, was taken to Omaha yesterday afternoon by his brother, William Freeman, and the funeral will be held there today. The deceased man leaves his mother and brother to mourn his untimely death, both of whom reside in Omaha.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF THE REDMEN

Installation of Officers and a Genuine Good Time Enjoyed by All Afterward.

From Friday's Daily.
One of the most rousing and enthusiastic meetings that has been held by Missouri Tribe No. 69, Improved Order of Red Men occurred last evening at their hall, the occasion being the installation of the new officers, consisting of the following gentlemen: Sachem, R. D. Dalton; senior sagamore, Henry Lahoda; junior sagamore, Frank Hawkenberg; keeper of records, Emil Walters; keeper of wampum, John Cory; prophet, J. C. York.
The tribe here had as their guests last evening C. L. Murphy, sachem of Wabounsie tribe of Glenwood and Chief Dave Barnett of the same city, and they were loud in their praise of the treatment accorded them by the braves in this city, and believe as entertainers the tribe here has them all beat.

The tribe has decided to take the warpath and has declared the first week in February as Red Men week, and the fun and amusements will reign unchecked, and as attractions they will have the famous fiddlers' contest, a big social dance and a stirring western drama entitled "Struck Oil," which will be put on by the members of the Glenwood and Plattsmouth tribes and promises to be one of the most thrilling and elaborate ever staged in this city. The demands for the fiddlers' contest have been so extensive that the members of the lodge have decided to put it on again on an even more elaborate scale than last year, and anyone desiring to attend had better get their tickets as soon as possible, as the demand will be very large.

After the business session of the lodge the members enjoyed a fine social time among themselves and disposed of the splendid refreshments offered in very short order. One of the most interesting features of the evening was the pool contest indulged in by two of the leading braves and it furnished much amusement and it was a late hour when the chiefs retired to their tepees.

THE ELKS AND FAMILIES ENJOY A FINE SOCIAL TIME

From Friday's Daily.
Last evening the members of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 739, B. P. O. E., and their families enjoyed one of the finest social times in the history of the local lodge. The club rooms were handsomely decorated in purple and white, as was Coates' hall, where the ball was held, and presented a most beautiful sight, with the handsomely gowned ladies present furnishing the finishing touches to the picture of beauty. The chief amusements of the evening were dancing for the lovers of that art and cards for those who desired to amuse themselves in that way. Light refreshments were served during the evening. The M. W. A. orchestra of six pieces furnished the music for the ball. The Elks have a great reputation for their splendid entertainments for the members and their families and this one certainly surpassed all others in the number attending, as well as the enjoyment of the guests present.

When you want a reliable medicine for a cough or cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

SWEEPING CHANGE IN POSTAL RULES

Pertaining to the Mailing of Printed Matter of the Third Class.

Another sweeping change in the postal regulations has been announced through the daily bulletin from the postoffice department at Washington, and sent out to postmasters.

Heretofore only printed catalogues, documents and papers, which contained printing on the face of the matter, exceeding one-half the total space, was included in third class matter and mailable under the restrictions governing matter of the third class. This was before the introduction of the parcel post, when postage on fourth class matter was higher than the rate on third class matter. At that time many of the manufacturers and jobbers of order blanks and like forms of printed goods, as well as packages bearing printing on their face, as in the case of labels, tried to mail their matter within the rules pertaining to matter of the third class, which required a lower rate, but were prevented from doing so by the regulation which required that the papers or documents had to bear printing on their face, which covered half the sheet. After the parcel post came into effect the rate on fourth class matter was made lower and such matter could be sent at a lower cost than formerly under the third class rate. To benefit the users of blank forms, labels, order blanks and like papers, the following changes in the postal regulations were made and went into effect Monday:

"Printed matter relating to an article of merchandise which it accompanies, is regarded as descriptive of the article within the meaning of the postal laws and regulations, and therefore is a permissible inclosure with such article when mailed as fourth class matter.

"Printing on an article of merchandise, or on its wrapper, or on a label pasted to it in such a manner as to form an integral part of it, does not affect the classification of the article as mail matter of the fourth class.

"Catalogues in which two or more order forms are bound, as well as catalogues or other printed matter having samples of merchandise permanently attached to them, may be accepted for mailing at the fourth class rates of postage.

"Order forms, order tags, report forms, letter and bill heads, insurance and legal forms, cards and other similar supplies, regardless of the amount of printing on them, blank check books, receipt books and other books of forms, partially in print, may be mailed as fourth class matter.

"Directions for taking medicine written on a label attached to a bottle or package containing medicine or inclosed with it are permissible and do not affect the classification of the parcel."

JAMES HIGLEY IS VERY ILL WITH PNEUMONIA

From Friday's Daily.
The many friends of James Higley will be greatly shocked to learn that he is confined to his home with a very severe case of pneumonia and that he is in a very serious condition. Mr. Higley has not been well for some little time, but was taken to his bed Monday and has been compelled to remain there ever since, with no improvement in his condition. It is to be most sincerely hoped that Mr. Higley will soon be able to be out and at his accustomed duties in the shops.

Persons troubled with partial paralysis are often very much benefited by massaging the affected parts thoroughly when applying Chamberlain's Liniment. This Liniment also relieves rheumatic pains. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

Death of Little Babe.

From Saturday's Daily.
Yesterday afternoon the little babe of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Smithina, who was scalded so severely Tuesday, passed away, after suffering most intense pain for the time, and although the grief of the parents was great, the suffering of the little babe was such that death came as a relief to it. The funeral was held this afternoon at the home in the west part of the city.

DAN CUPID TO THE FRONT AGAIN

Miss Kittie Smith and Mr. Benno Muenchau of Eagle United in Marriage.

From Friday's Daily.
One of the very pretty home weddings of the season occurred Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith, the occasion being the marriage of their daughter, Miss Kittie, to Mr. Benno Muenchau of Eagle, Neb. The bridal party was preceded into the parlors of the Smith home by Rev. Ward E. Austin of the Methodist church, as the sweet strains of the wedding march, played by Mrs. J. C. Smith, a sister of the groom, filled the rooms, and as the bride and groom came before him pronounced the words that made them one in life. The bride wore a very elaborate gown of blue changeable silk trimmed with old French cream lace and silver beading, while the groom was attired in the conventional black.

The bride is a most charming and accomplished young lady and was reared to womanhood in this city, and her many friends will miss her greatly from their circles. The groom is the second son of Fred Muenchau, one of the prominent farmers of near Eagle, and the groom himself is a very prosperous farmer in that locality, living three miles north of Eagle, where he has resided for the past thirteen years. The young people will go to housekeeping at once at Eagle, where the groom has a home already prepared for his charming bride.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE COMING TO TOWN

From Friday's Daily.
The gentlemen in charge of the auditing of the books of the officers of the grand lodge of Catholic Workmen, and also to make the final arrangements for the grand lodge that opens here next Tuesday for a four days' session, began arriving last evening and the following members have arrived on the scene: Vice President Joseph A. Drozda, Penelope, Texas; Secretary Thomas G. Hovorka, New Prague, Minn.; Treasurer Frank J. Polak, Schuyler, Neb.; Trustee A. F. Vans, Chicago; Treasurer of Reserve Fund Vac Vachal, Omaha; Joseph Reznicek, Morse Bluffs, Neb.; Vac Widman, Pittsburg, Pa.; Joseph Pekarek, Howells, Neb.; John Nestalik, St. Paul, Minn.; J. A. Stuehlik, Prague, Neb. These gentlemen are just the forerunners of the delegates who will be here next week, and the freedom of the city should be given them.

OUR REPRESENTATIVES FARE WELL ON THE COMMITTEES

Representative Gustin of this county has fared very well in his committee assignments at the session of the legislature and is a member of a number of very important committees. Among them are benevolent institutions, of which he is chairman; agriculture, banks and banking, claims, fish culture, live stock and grazing and railroads. Fioat Representative Bush has the chairmanship of the deficiencies committee and is placed on the following committees: Cities and towns, enrolled and engrossed bills and medical societies.

SPEERHASE GETS A BIG JUDGMENT

Evidence Brought Out Shows That Shooting of Speerhase Was Not Accidental.

From Saturday's Daily.

A case that has created considerable interest in the vicinity of Avoca has just been decided in the district court of Otoe county. The preliminary trial took place in this city, soon after the occurrence, and then the case was taken to Otoe county, where, after a trial by jury, occupying three days, a judgment for damages was given the plaintiff for \$4,305. The following from the Nebraska City Daily Press gives full particulars of the case:

The jury in the case of Speerhase vs. Bose, a damage suit which has been on trial in the district court for several days, brought in a verdict yesterday afternoon in favor of the plaintiff, Louis Speerhase, and giving him the sum of \$4,305 as damages for the loss of an eye sustained when John Bose shot him at a dance in Avoca, Neb., in May, 1911.

The case was submitted to the jury about 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The verdict was brought in about 3 o'clock.

The case grew out of the shooting of Louis Speerhase by John Bose during a dance at Avoca, in Cass county, in the spring of 1911. The bullet, a 22-caliber, entered Speerhase's left eye and lodged in the brain. X-ray examinations show that the bullet is still in Speerhase's head. He lost the sight of his eye and wears heavy glasses on account of the injury.

It seems that Bose and Gus Huntemann, another young man, decided to attend the dance in Avoca. Speerhase and another friend also attended the dance. The young men were in Berlin early in the evening and it was brought out during the examination of witnesses that Bose and Huntemann had a number of bottles of beer and a quart of whisky in their buggy. They left Berlin and drove toward Avoca to attend the dance at that place. Between the towns they decided they would return to Berlin where a dance was also in progress. After staying in Berlin for a time they returned to Avoca.

On the road Bose pulled a 22-caliber revolver out of his pocket. Huntemann took it and pulled the trigger several times. The gun was not discharged and it was said by Huntemann that there were no cartridges in it.

They reached the dance hall in Avoca and met Speerhase, Fred Ruge and a number of other young men. Speerhase left the dance hall for a few minutes and upon his return found a bicycle pump. He took the pump to the hall with him and playfully squirted air in the face of one or two young fellows standing there, among them Bose. He asked Bose if he should "pump him up." Bose is said to have replied, "No, I am going to shoot."

With this statement Bose is said to have pulled the revolver from his pocket and pulled the trigger. The gun was discharged and the bullet entered Speerhase's left eye.

Another witness, Fred Ruge, says, before the shooting, he saw Bose reach around to his hip pocket with his right hand and then place that hand in his coat pocket.

The attorneys for the plaintiff contend that it was at this time that Bose reloaded the revolver, placing the gun in his coat pocket.

After the shooting Bose said he did not remember anything until he went to the doctor's office where Speerhase had been carried. Witnesses, however, stated that Bose asked Speerhase if he (Bose) had shot him, and that another person told Bose to stay away from him.

After the shooting Bose threw the revolver away and it was found the next morning by a man living in Avoca.

Bose was tried on a criminal charge, found guilty and sen-

tenced, but was paroled by Judge Travis. He lives with his father near Avoca. Speerhase lives in the same neighborhood.

It is said that a settlement was at one time offered by Bose's father to young Speerhase, but that the offer was afterward withdrawn.

Speerhase was represented in court by W. H. Pitzer and A. A. Bischof, Paul Jessen and A. L. Tidd of Plattsmouth were attorneys for the defendant.

THE REDMEN PREPARE FOR FIDDLER'S CONTEST

From Friday's Daily.
The Red Men are certainly preparing a fine bunch of attractions for the first week in February, which will be known as Red Men week and will be a red letter event in the history of the order in this city. Monday, February 3, the splendid home talent play, "Struck Oil," will be presented by the Glenwood tribe of Red Men, and as this is a thrilling story of the Oklahoma oil fields and is full of life and action, it will be well worth attending. On Tuesday evening, January 4, will occur the big event of the year, the fiddlers' contest, and it will be one of the biggest events of the year and the source of much enjoyment to all those taking part in the contest, as well as those attending. The entries are free to all and a large number will be on hand from all the surrounding country, but professionals will be barred, and the tunes of the old-fashioned fiddlers will hold full sway, and there will be lots of rivalry displayed by the different handlers of the bow.

SOMETHING FOR MAIL ORDER PATRONS TO PONDER OVER

A few days ago we received from a New Jersey concern a more or less generous offer to sell us a "job lot" of hose, ties, etc., for the sum of \$2, cash with order. Making a list of the articles we took it to one of the Union stores, handed it to the merchant and (without stating our object) asked him to make us a price at which he would furnish us the articles, of good material. He at once put his retail price on each article, and the total was—not \$2.00—but \$4.65, a difference of 35 cents in favor of trading at home and seeing the goods before you pay.

This of course was a small deal, but the per cent saved will hold good in many large deals or "bait" thrown out by mail-order-parcel-post concerns. Some of the catalogue houses may give you a square deal, but they are an exception instead of the rule. When they offer you what appears to be a tempting bargain lot of articles just take the whole list to your local merchant and give him a chance to sell you the bill. If he charges you more than the catalogue—mail-order-parcel-post concerns offer them for, just tell him you'll take the goods and to charge the difference to the Ledger—he'll do it, and we'll pay it if we get "stung." All we ask is a fair test on prices and quality of goods, and we'll take the chance of having a "difference" to pay and not a grunt from us if we do.—Union Ledger.

"THE SERVANT IN THE HOUSE" A FINE PLAY

The performance last evening at the Parmele theater of "The Servant in the House" was most pleasing to the fair-sized audience present and everyone was loud in their praise of the able manner in which the deep religious thread of the play was carried out by the company, especially that of the servant, Manson, which was portrayed by Mr. Phillips, and it was altogether one of the deepest and most powerful presentations given in this city for some time.

The Journal for typewriter supplies.