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## FIRST MAY DAY ENTERTAINMENT

**A Delightful Event at Windham Home in Entertaining Euterpean Glee Club.**

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening the Euterpean Glee club entertained at a May Day party at the home of Misses Hermia and Ellen Windham, and the occasion proved to be one of the most delightful that this club has enjoyed for some time.

A most excellent musical program had been arranged and was carried out in a manner that reflected great credit upon the talented young people belonging to the club. Piano solos were given by Misses Ethel Leyda and Violet Freese in a most pleasing manner and gave them a rare opportunity to display their artistic rendition of the numbers selected. Miss Ellen Windham furnished two of her delightful readings in her usual finished manner and these numbers were among the most pleasing on the program, as everyone who has heard Miss Windham can fully appreciate. Vocal numbers were given by Misses Hazel Tuley, Bertha Jackson, Ferris York and Zelma Tuley, and were rendered in a manner that gave these young ladies a fine scope for their beautiful voices and delighted the large crowd that attended the party.

The Windham home had been decorated in a handsome manner with the flowers of the spring season and streamers of green and white paper that gave the scene a touch of beauty and made a very pretty setting for the enjoyable event. The members of the club served some very dainty and tempting refreshments to the company, which contributed much to the delights of the evening.

There was a silver offering taken at the close and quite a neat sum was realized by the young ladies through the affair and everyone attending felt that they were certainly given an evening of excellent entertainment.

## MUST ANSWER TO THE CHARGE OF ADULTERY

From Friday's Daily.

Complaint was filed last evening in Justice Archer's court by County Attorney Taylor, on the complaint of John Bates, charging Thomas Stokes with adultery with Ethel Van Horn, a sister of the complaining witness, and the complaint embraces three counts, charging that on or about January 17, 1912, Stokes committed adultery with the woman named in the complaint, and on December 29, 1912, he repeated the offense, and since the same date in 1912 until May 1, 1913, they have cohabited in a manner contrary to law. Mr. Stokes appeared from his wife some years ago, and last fall she secured a divorce from him, and under the Nebraska law it will not permit him to re-marry until six months has expired, which will not be until after the 24th of this month. Stokes gave bonds this morning to appear in court next Tuesday to have his case heard. The parties reside on the bottom east of the Burlington station, which land is being held under squatters' right by the defendant in the case.

## PUBLISHER OF THE JOURNAL AND WIFE ENJOY A FINE SPIN

From Friday's Daily.

Elmont Preston of Weeping Water came up Wednesday evening from his home and made a visit here with his friends, W. B. Holly. Mr. Preston came up in

a fine 30-horse power Paige automobile of the latest make and pattern and he is justly proud of this machine, which the Philpot garage at Weeping Water are the representatives in this county. The machine is of the electric self-starting type and is equipped with the center control that makes it one of the most handy, as well as practical, machines on the market today, as well as one of the most moderate priced machines, being sold for \$1,275. Mr. Preston is a very pleasant gentleman, and the proprietor of the Journal and wife had the pleasure of a very enjoyable spin with him in his excellent machine.

## ANOTHER OLD CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

**Andrew Kearn, a Pioneer Citizen, Passed Away at the County Infirmary This Morning.**

From Friday's Daily.

After a long lifetime, covering over ninety years, Andrew Kearn, one of the pioneers of this section and formerly a wealthy farmer, passed away this morning at the county farm, west of this city, where he had been for about a month.

Mr. Kearn came here in the early sixties and was for years the owner of one of the finest farms in Mt. Pleasant precinct, but later sold it, and his wealth rapidly took wings and in a few years he was reduced to poverty by his careless management and the fact that he was taken advantage of by many of his so-called friends. After the disappearance of his money he was deserted by his friends and it was a short time ago, on account of his failing health he was removed by the county to the poor farm, where he could be taken better care of.

His first wife died a great many years ago and he later remarried, but his wife secured a divorce, as in his later years it was almost impossible to live in the same house with him on account of his objectionable habits. Two children, a son, Andrew, and daughter, Evelyn, reside at South Omaha with their mother, and on their arrival the funeral arrangements will be completed. The interment will probably be made in the Eight Mile Grove cemetery, where his first wife is buried.

Mr. Kearn was a native of Switzerland and came to this country when a young man, and taking advantage of the cheap land, made his fortune, but in his old age it was taken from him and his last days have been far from pleasant, and in his actions judgment should be suspended, as his punishment was most severe.

## THE LOAD TOO HEAVY FOR HIM TO PULL

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday morning William Vaughn, who gave his residence as nowhere and his destination as the same place, was brought before Judge Archer, and as the fact was only too evident that the defendant was true he pleaded guilty to being drunk, and the kind-hearted judge assessed him a fine of \$1 and costs, which William paid and bled him hence toward the Burlington station, where he boarded a train headed for the great west. It seems the evening before he accumulated a large and heavy load of "joy water," and becoming tired of carrying it leaned against the folding doors in the stateroom near the First National bank to rest and fell into the hall, where he was found by the police, safe in slumber, and was taken over to jail.

## Farm for Sale.

Anyone wanting to buy a farm would do well to see W. R. Bryan, county assessor.

## THE MUSICAL A GREAT SUCCESS

**One of the Finest Musical Events of Season and Highly Entertaining to All Present.**

From Saturday's Daily.

The musical given at the High school last evening was a splendid success in every way and the young ladies of the school who arranged the affair are feeling very much elated over the manner in which the excellent program was carried out. One of the most pleasing numbers given was the selection given by the Young Men's Glee club, which was heartily encored, and the club was forced to respond a number of times, so loud was the demand from the delighted audience. This club is composed of some twenty young men, and there were some sixteen on hand last evening and their singing was a revelation, even to those who have heard them practice, as they were in splendid voice and their work reflects great credit upon their instructor, Mrs. Mae Morgan, who has been assisting them in their work this winter. Miss Hazel Tuley was the accompanist for the Glee club.

The violin solo by Prof. Kolbaba was up to the usual high standard of that gentleman and served to greatly please the audience, as did the solo of Chester Tuley on the violin, and they were both received with much applause from the audience. The duet by Mesdames E. H. Westcott and Mae Morgan was one of the hits of the evening and the numbers given suited the audience and it was with regret that they allowed the ladies to retire.

Misses Ferris and Katie York also favored the gathering with vocal numbers, as well as Misses Emma Cummings and Honora Seybert on the piano, and that these ladies were excellent in their work it is unnecessary to state, as their appearance before Plattsmouth audiences in the past has won for them a very high place in the musical life of the city.

Little Miss Helen Westcott was present at the musical and favored the assembly with one of her pretty little songs, which was given in a manner that won the hearts of all who were present. Miss Marie Douglass was on the program for a reading and gave it in a manner and style that is hers alone, and this feature of the program was one that pleased everyone, as Miss Douglass is finished in her work and her readings are never overdrawn, and with her splendid voice it is a great pleasure to hear her, and her work last night was very much appreciated.

There were a number of others on the program, but owing to the threatening weather they were unable to attend, as was also many who had purchased tickets for the occasion. The girls of the school gave the entertainment in order to pay for the money expended for the renting of the Turner hall for the practice and physical culture work this winter, and they realized a very neat sum as a result of their efforts.

## CONTEST CLOSED YESTERDAY NOW WHAT WILL IT BE?

The contest for the naming of the new moving picture theater closed last evening and the large list of names was turned over to the judges to make a choice of a name. Manager Shines has decided to give to all those sending a name two tickets to the theater, in addition to the two good for thirty days, which goes to the winner. He states, however, in order to secure these tickets it will be necessary for the parties to be on hand at the Gem theater on Tuesday night, when the award will be made.

Have you tried the Forest Rose flour? If not, why not? It is the best flour on the market and is sold by all dealers.

## RUN OVER AND KILLED BY CARS

**Man Named Archer Brought to This City and Died in a Few Hours After Arrival.**

From Saturday's Daily.

Last evening about 9 o'clock an accident occurred near Cedar Creek which resulted in the death a few hours later of Thomas Archer, an aged man, who had been employed in the stone quarries at Cedar Creek for some time and who for the past few weeks had been in charge of the quarantine camp there, where the small-pox patients were kept, but about ten days ago was released and thoroughly disinfected and had resumed his duties at the quarry.

Last evening he had been drinking quite heavily, and starting for his quarters decided to seek shelter under a box car that was standing on a siding near the quarry. He fell asleep while under the car, and on the arrival of local freight No. 30 they began switching off some cars and backed on the siding and struck the car under which the unfortunate man was sleeping. The conductor heard him cry out as the car was forced over his body, and thinking it one of the train crew hastened toward the place where the noise proceeded from and discovered Archer lying under the car with his right foot severed and badly bruised and lacerated over the body and having his left shoulder blade broken.

The man was at once placed on the train and the depot at Plattsmouth notified, and on his arrival here medical aid was at hand, but all efforts to save his life were useless and the doctor present announced to the man that his hours were few, and he made a request that a priest be summoned, and Father M. A. Shine arrived shortly afterward to give him the last rites of the church. Mr. Archer stated that he had a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Neal, living at Decatur, Illinois, but he did not know her street address. He was married, but his wife had separated from him several years ago.

The unfortunate man passed away at 12:17, and this morning Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker impaled a jury, consisting of M. L. Friedrich, F. R. Gobelman, C. L. Herger, John McNurlin, John Linderman and G. P. Eastwood, to hear the evidence at the inquest, which was conducted by Sheriff Quinton, in the absence of the coroner. There was quite a number of witnesses examined, including the members of the train crew on No. 30, Drs. J. S. Livingston, E. W. Cook and E. D. Cummings, R. W. Clement and George Becker, and the evidence seemed to bear the facts as stated above and the jury returned a verdict of his being run over by a car while asleep on the track beneath the car.

The man was removed from the depot to the jail last evening because it was feared at first he might be infected with smallpox, but it later developed he was out of quarantine and the body remained at the jail until removed to the undertaking rooms of Streight & Streight. The man had some \$93 coming from his work at the quarry, which will aid in securing him proper burial.

## One Smallpox Case.

The county clerk's office has been notified that a case of smallpox exists at the home of A. E. Todd, west of this city. The case is of a very light form, however.

## MRS. M. S. BRIGGS HAS A BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

From Friday's Daily.

Tuesday evening the Loyal Daughters of the Christian church decided to give their teacher, Mrs. M. S. Briggs, a surprise in honor of her birthday anniversary, and carried out the affair splendidly. The birthday of this worthy lady

occurred some time ago, but on account of sickness in the family it was impossible to observe the event until Tuesday, when the young ladies proceeded to the Briggs home, where the hostess, after recovering from the surprise, gave the guests a royal reception and the evening was enjoyably spent, and time flew swiftly with games, music and social conversation. The class presented Mrs. Briggs with a beautiful remembrance in the shape of a souvenir spoon of solid silver for the service she has rendered the class as teacher during the past year or two. The enjoyment of the evening was heightened by a most tempting luncheon served by the hostess, and the birthday celebration will be fondly remembered both by the class and teacher.

## KANSAS CITY VISITORS SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

**Large Number of the Kansas City Association Will Pass Over the Omaha-Kansas City Route.**

From Friday's Daily.

Hon. S. A. Seart of Omaha, president of the Omaha-Kansas City Seenic Route association, was in the city last evening calling on T. H. Pollock and making arrangements for the reception of the automobile tourists from Kansas City, who leave that place on May 9 for a run to Omaha.

The party will reach here on Saturday, May 10, at about 2:45 and will stop here for a few minutes. A large party from Omaha will go to Nebraska City to meet the tourists and accompany them to the metropolis, and quite a number from this city will accompany the Omaha cars to Nebraska City to receive the guests to this city. There will be about twenty-five cars start from Kansas City and others will join the party at different towns along the line into Omaha.

The tourists leave the Hotel Grand in Kansas City at 7 o'clock a. m. on May 9. After leaving Atchison at 11:30 a. m. they make the following stops: Lancaster, Everest, Hiawatha, where they will remain over night. They will leave Hiawatha at 7 a. m. and will arrive in Falls City at 8 o'clock, take dinner at Nebraska City and arrive in Omaha about 3:30.

The Kansas City-Omaha route is one of the most popular in the west in the summer months, and running as it does through the prettiest sections of Kansas and Nebraska, will attract a great many tourists this summer, and as the Pollock-Duff bridge north of this city affords them a quick and easy entrance to the metropolis there will be a great deal of travel.

## FUNERAL OF MRS WHITTIER HELD AT RED OAK, IOWA

From Friday's Daily.

The funeral of Mrs. Amanda E. Whittier of Red Oak, Iowa, was held from her late home in that city this afternoon and was attended by Mr. and Mrs. William J. Streight of this city, Mrs. Whittier being an aunt of Mr. Streight. The deceased lady was about 66 years of age and a sister of Henry J. Streight of this city and O. M. Streight of Omaha. Her death occurred Wednesday, and the relatives here notified, but owing to his feeble health her brother was unable to attend. She leaves one son, Thad Whittier, to mourn her loss. Mrs. Whittier was quite well known to a large number of our citizens and was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

## Union Meetings.

Beginning June 1, the Methodist, Christian and Presbyterian churches will unite in meetings each evening under direction of Rev. C. C. Smith of Chicago, with Prof. Gilmore and Klinger in charge of the choir and special music. Union Sunday evening services begin May 11 in the Christian church.

## "OPEN HOUSE" AT THE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

**Visitors Were Shown Through the Plant, Which Has Been Entirely Refitted in Modern Shape.**

From Saturday's Daily.

The change of the telephone system of this city from the old fashioned to the new common battery system was signaled by the holding of "open house" at the exchange building in this city yesterday, and the public were shown through the plant, which has been entirely refitted and fixed up in the most modern and thorough manner and will furnish the patrons of the company one of the best plants in the state.

The multiple switchboard which the company has installed makes the service all that could be asked and not only gives the patrons a much quicker service, but also greatly lightens the burden on the operator. As soon as the receiver is taken from the hook a drop on the switchboard falls, attracting the operator's attention and the number called for, and as soon as the connection is made a light on the board lights up and remains burning as long as the parties are talking, as well as small drops that indicate the line is busy, and as soon as the receiver is placed on the hook the drops go up and the operator is not compelled to cut in to ascertain when the parties are through. Each of the multiple boards has a full set of numbers and the operator can make any connection without having to leave her seat.

When long distance is desired the operator, by pushing a lever, calls the attention of the long distance operator, who cuts in and makes the connection wanted, and by this means saves much time and waiting on the part of the party calling. The long distance switchboard is equipped with a clock and register that keeps a perfect record of all calls and their length and prevents mistakes being made in changing calls.

The company has also placed a desk for the head operator, who acts as information and all calls by name are referred to her and the number wanted is given to the party calling. This operator has the supervision of the office and is in a position to cut in on any line whenever there is any trouble or parties cannot get the proper service, and sees that the difficulties are straightened out and satisfaction given the patrons. Miss Ruth Hill of the head office at Lincoln is here for the coming week to see that the switchboard is properly handled, and as soon as the operators become familiar with the workings of the board there will be little cause for complaint.

The back room of the building has been equipped for the use of the wire chief, and here the large storage batteries are kept, tested each day to see that the proper strength to run the system is maintained, and also instruments to locate the trouble on any line, and as soon as it is discovered a man is dispatched to the scene of trouble to fix it up.

Yesterday was the first day for the complete operation of the new system and the service was noticeably better than for many months, and although the new plant has cost a large outlay of money, the company believes the improved system will greatly add to the number of subscribers when they realize the great improvement. A large crowd took advantage of the opportunity to visit the office and all were delighted with the appearance of the new machinery, as well as the courteous manner in which they were received. The company, in honor of the occasion, served some very delicious fruit punch to the callers at the office.

F. W. Sharwood of the vicinity of Union was attending to business matters in this city today and called at this office and had his subscription extended for another year.