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COMMERCIAL CLUB ENJOYS FINE MEETING

Enthusiastic and Large Attendance and Many Matters of Interest Taken Up.

From Friday's Daily.

There was a large number out last night to attend the meeting of the Commercial club and a most interesting session was had in the discussion of problems vital to the welfare of the city and its business interests and the meeting was productive of many good ideas for the further advancement of Plattsmouth. There were a large number of interesting reports of the different committees who have been very active since the last meeting of the club and they were received with much approval by the members.

The committee on the Sixth street curbing reported that they had gotten the matter where it was up to the engineers to secure a survey in order that the work might start, while the Third street committee stated they had the necessary number of signers, but desired to have all that they could reach before the matter was brought before the city council. The additional improvements will add greatly to the appearance of the northern portion of the city and the committee is to be congratulated, as well as the citizens in that section of the city, on their enterprise in taking hold of the matter as they have.

Mr. Wescott, of the transportation committee, reported that the committee had tried to get in touch with Vice President Bryan of the Burlington on his recent trip over the lines west of the Missouri river and had been unable to get an interview with him in regard to the depot here, but had been referred to Mr. G. W. Holdridge, the general manager. The committee had first taken the matter up with Mr. Mullen, the division superintendent, and then with Mr. Holdridge, who had received them most courteously and listened to their side of the case, and they were shown the blue prints of the altered plans of the depot enlargement, which will be much more satisfactory than the first ones prepared. Under the newer plans it is proposed to make the extension on the north of the depot larger and to change the plans on the remodeling of the interior to a large extent. The company expected to extend the platform around the station some 200 feet to the north, as well as to the south, making it much more convenient to get on and off the trains. The extending of the depot platform will necessitate the changing of considerable of the switches and trackage in the yards near the depot and the placing of them further north. The committee had tried to impress the need of moving the station back further west or south, but the officials believed that the difficulty would be overcome by moving the trackage a little to the east of the present location, as a fill could easily be made there, and overcome the objections to the closeness of the tracks to the platform.

E. A. Wurl, one of the delegates to the state convention of Commercial clubs, presented the report of the doing of that body and reported a most interesting session and one filled with many good ideas toward the improving of the different clubs of the state and gave a short outline of the addresses delivered there, all of which was very interesting, particularly that of Prof. Condra of the state university, who spoke of the fact that in eastern Nebraska, from a point a little west of Plattsmouth, clear to Table Rock, there existed the best indications in the world of fine oil fields.

On the proposition of the use of the rifle range here by the state militia, Mr. Wurl stated he had met General Hall on his recent visit here and had taken him to

the range, north of this city, but they had found the workmen constructing the permanent butts in charge and that the immediate use of the range would be impossible, but that the work would probably be finished by the first of July and that the general was very desirous of bringing the militia here for a short practice. The state has a rifle range near Kearney, but it is very expensive to send the companies from the eastern portion of the state there for practice and that the general was very desirous of buying a section of land in this part of the state for a range if it could be purchased at a reasonable price.

The entertainment committee, which has in hand the Fourth of July celebration, had held several meetings, so they reported, but had deferred action on the Fourth while trying to secure an aviator for the day to make flights, but found that it would take \$4,000 to secure one, and that the committee would go ahead and complete arrangements for the celebration at once.

The question of improved train (Continued on Eighth Page.)

KANSAS BOOSTERS ARRIVE HERE AT NOON

Now on Return Trip From Omaha, and Report the Roads in Bad Shape.

From Saturday's Daily.

This noon some nine automobile loads of boosters from Kansas City, en route home from Omaha, stopped off in this city for a short time for dinner. They were a fine bunch of gentlemen and reported a most enjoyable trip, although the rainy weather had interfered with their trip to some extent.

The party started from Hiawatha, Kansas, yesterday, most of the party having their cars laid up there since the attempt last Saturday to make the trip, and they reached Omaha last night. While it is not a matter to be especially proud of, the party were unanimous in stating that the worst roads they had encountered were between this city and Omaha, and they felt that a road dragging campaign was about due.

The secretary of the Kansas State Automobile association, Mr. D. E. Watkins, of Kansas City, was with the party and stated that they were up against the same conditions in that state which prevails here, but that the farmers there were waking up to the fact that good roads were a necessity that could not be got away from and were placing their roads in proper shape. Mr. Watkins stated that it cost more to run the roads through his section than it would if scientific methods in road-making were used.

CALLED TO MARYVILLE, MO., ON ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening Mrs. J. E. Douglass, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Marie, and son, Dean, departed for Marysville, Missouri, in response to a message announcing the serious illness of the mother of Mrs. Douglass, Mrs. J. W. Dean. The message stated she had been taken sick last Thursday and had grown worse until her recovery was despaired of, and urging the family to come at once. There had been no intimation of her illness and the news came as a great shock to Mrs. Douglass and her family and they at once prepared to depart for Marysville, hoping that they might find their mother and grandmother improved.

Lame back is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles of the back, for which you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

CUPID'S DART HITS THE MARK AGAIN

Harold H. Williams and Miss Florence Hermes United in Marriage.

From Friday's Daily.

Another of Plattsmouth's bright and talented young men has forsaken the simple bachelor life and enrolled himself in the ranks of the benedicts. Wednesday afternoon in Omaha was solemnized the nuptials of Harold H. Williams of this city and Florence Hermes of Falls City, Nebraska.

While at the depot Wednesday it was noticeable that Harold appeared quite elated over something, and as the wedding had been rumored suspicion was at once aroused, but he insisted that nothing was doing in the matrimonial line. The young people will make their home in this city in the future, where the groom is employed as an electrician by the Burlington in the shops.

Mr. Williams was born and reared in this city and received his education in the public schools here, and a few years ago entered the employ of the Burlington, where he remained until about a year ago, when he removed to Falls City, accepting a position with the Missouri Pacific, but a few months ago returned to this city and re-entered the employ of the Burlington. While in Falls City Mr. Williams met his wife and the acquaintance formed there culminated in the wedding in Omaha.

The bride is one of the most charming young ladies in Falls City and the many friends of the contracting parties will extend to the newly wedded couple their best wishes for a happy married life.

AN ASSOCIATION THAT IS VERY PROMPT IN PAYING INSURANCE

From Friday's Daily.

In the matter of prompt payment of insurance policies, the Western Bohemian Fraternal association, or Z. C. B. J. lodge has made a very good showing, as today William Holly, the local treasurer, received a draft from the head office for the sum of \$1,000, made payable to Mrs. Joseph Haver, whose husband was killed two weeks ago yesterday by an accident in his sawing outfit at his home. This is certainly pushing the matter through in good shape, and the lodge deserves great credit in the matter as the money is badly needed by the family, as the mother is sick and the three children are all small, one of them being only about ten days old.

THE K. & L. OF S. ENJOY AN INTERESTING MEETING

From Friday's Daily.

The Knights and Ladies of Social held a most interesting meeting last evening at their lodge room in the Woodman building, which was attended by a large representation of the members. After the transaction of the routine business of the lodge the members were greatly surprised by the presentation of a large and elegant cake from Mrs. Robert Ward, and it struck the right spot with the crowd, and some ice cream being secured the meeting resolved itself into a social session until a late hour, when the members departed for their homes, feeling greatly pleased at the pleasant surprise given them.

LOST—A small brown Cocker spaniel, answers to name of "Brownie." Last seen following farm wagon out of town. Parties knowing whereabouts please notify Journal office.

A CAUSE FOR THE HORDES OF TRAMPS

How the Tramp Nuisance Can Be Abated By the Institution of Rock Piles in Cities.

Chief Malone of the Burlington secret service, who has studied the situation from many angles, reports that the hobo steers clear of every city with a rock pile, and gives his views of the cause of so many tramps in this country, as follows:

"Soft-hearted women and easy-going communities are in reality responsible for the hordes of tramps which swarm over the northern country from April till October," said the chief. "The women give them food and clothing and some furnish them with money and life is made more pleasant for them than for many honest men. One community will ship them along to another, they keep on the go, the railroads give them free rides and they steal food and clothing from merchandise cars if they can't get it from big-hearted but mistaken people at their stopping places.

"It does a tramp no good to put him in jail nor is it any solution to the problem to send him along like a football to another community. He seldom leaves a community till he has begged money and food either from the wives of citizens or obtained lodging and food from charity organizations. Some of these associations handle the hoboes right, and make them labor for what they give them, but others do not.

"If every town and city would have a rock pile or have street jobs for the Weary Willies or anything that would make them toil and toil hard there would soon be an end to the evil which has bothered decent people for a number of years. A tramp seldom wants to work and he never wants to work long. He will stand a few hours on a rock pile or pushing a shovel on the streets, but he does not want to have it become a common thing on his route, or else he will quit the route. Nebraska could rid itself of the majority of its tramps inside of a few weeks by making them do labor stunts whenever they land.

"As to railroads, they suffer in divers ways from the hobo nuisance. Their merchandise cars are robbed and fire losses are sustained and their trainmen are kept on the jump many months in the year smoking out the worthless tourists and chasing them from freight cars. Sometimes these worthless show fight and there has been instances where they have committed murder, though the average tramp is nothing but a low-grade criminal.

"I think the time is ripe to deal sternly with the tramp problem and settle it right and the cooperation of every city, town, village and hamlet in the state with the railroads in the manner I have outlined would soon obtain results. The secret service departments of the Nebraska railroads will certainly do their part to put the hobo down and out."

Nebraska railroads employ special men to rid the trains of tramps. At the present time there are a number passing through the state and they are bound in all directions. They have rendezvous along the Republican and Platte rivers and here in the summer and late spring they gather in large numbers. These places are clearing houses for the professional idlers.

Here From Missouri.

From Saturday's Daily. C. C. Noble and wife of New Hampton, Missouri, who have been here for a couple of days visiting at the home of their son, A. R. Noble and family, departed this morning, in company with his son, for little Sioux, Neb., where they will visit relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Noble are most excellent people and we were greatly pleased to meet Mr. Noble, who is a fine citizen of grand old Missouri.

Claims He Saw Burglars.

From Friday's Daily. There was quite a good deal of excitement around Manspeaker's livery barn this morning, as one of the men working there reported that while he was wrapped in the arms of Morpheus at an early hour this morning two desperate looking men entered the office and attempted to break open the safe, but were frightened away before securing any of the wealth concealed in said safe.

A Birthday Party.

From Friday's Daily. Last evening the bunch gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Grebe to assist Conrad in celebrating his 18th birthday. The evening was passed away in games and music and a delicious luncheon was served. Those present were: Inez Hadley, Lottie Kopischki, Harry Warthen, Ernest Wallengren, Fred Kissling, Louie Smith, Leonard Jones, George Kopischki, Conrad Grebe, Messrs. and Mesdames Anton Hraskey, John Grebe, Carl Kopischki, Arthur Alexander, George Grebe. The friends in attendance wish Conrad many more happy birthdays.

FINE ADDRESS BY DR. MARSHALL OF OMAHA

Large Number in Attendance and Address One of the Best of the Season.

From Saturday's Daily.

The regular number of the "occupation" addresses at the Presbyterian church last evening drew out a large attendance of the men of the city, both young and old, to hear the address of Rev. A. B. Marshall, president of the Presbyterian Theological college of Omaha, who spoke on "The Minister." It had been the intention to have R. N. Towl of Omaha address the gathering on "The Engineer," but he was unable to be present and the class was very fortunate in securing Dr. Marshall for an address, as he is one of the ablest of the Presbyterian ministers in the state, and his talk last evening was very much appreciated by those fortunate enough to attend.

Preceding the lecture Miss Catherine Dovey sang a most charming solo and was forced to respond with an encore, so great was the delight of the hearers at her sweet and very clear voice. The ladies of the church had also prepared a very tempting luncheon, which was served to the gathering and put them in a most pleasant frame of mind for the able lecture of Dr. Marshall.

In his talk the doctor pointed out in a series of stories the great influence a minister can have for the moral uplift of a community, reciting a number of stories to bring out his point. He cited the case of a minister sent to New Mexico, who had charge of a district of 200 miles which had never known any religious teaching and how the moral influence of the teaching of the church had made that section one of the best in that state. He pointed out the need of young men to enter the ministry to carry on the work of the church and the great opportunity for good that awaited those taking up the profession of the ministry. The lecture was very pleasing and made a deep impression upon the hearers.

Richard Clark Married.

The many friends in this city of Richard Clark of Omaha will be greatly pleased to learn of his marriage in the metropolis Thursday to Miss Minnie Richards. Mr. Clark has been a frequent visitor in this city and has a host of friends here, who will extend to the newly wedded pair their best wishes for their future happiness. Mr. Clark is associated with his father in the manufacture of signs in Omaha and has been very successful in the business.

Adam Kaffenberger of near Cedar Creek came in this morning to attend to some trading with the merchants.

THE EASTERN STAR LADIES VISIT MASONIC HOME

Well Pleased With Management and Royally Entertained During Their Short Stay.

From Saturday's Daily.

Yesterday the Masonic Home in this city was visited by a number of the delegates who were in attendance at the grand lodge of the Order of Eastern Star, and everyone in the delegation was loud in their praise of the beautiful home that the Masonic fraternity has prepared for their aged and helpless members.

The delegates were escorted here by Mr. Frank Young of Broken Bow, one of the board of the Home, and were most royally entertained during their short stay here by Superintendent and Mrs. Askwith, and they were loud in their praise of the conduct of the Home, and also deeply grateful for the hospitality shown them by the board and the superintendent and wife. The entire party was entertained at dinner at the Home by the superintendent and departed for the metropolis in the afternoon feeling that it was well worth the trip here to see the establishment, and the ladies were very much charmed with the appearance of the city in general, and several of them remarked that it was one of the prettiest cities in the state and that the residents here should be proud of it.

One of the objects of the visit was to look over the establishing of the orphans' department of the Home here, and it is expected that the Valley residence in the same block will be converted into the children's department of the Home, as it is ideally situated for the rearing and taking care of those of tender years, and where they can receive all the exercise and care necessary for children. The children's department will be equipped by the Star lodge and maintained by them for a year, and if found to be successful will be made a permanent institution.

The Home is the object of a great deal of pride from the members of the Masonic order and is one of the best institutions of its kind in the state, and has reached a high standard of perfection under the superintendency of Mr. Askwith.

Among those in the party were: Mesdames H. L. Starke, Wood River; J. L. McDonald, Allen Daugherty, Norfolk; Davis, South Omaha; Williams, Norfolk; James West, Laurel; R. C. Simmons, Norfolk; Harper, Wood River; Baird, South Omaha; W. R. Birney, Omaha; Harriet L. Jackson, Omaha; Miss Mary E. McDougal, Neligh; Mr. Smith, Long Pine, and Mr. Young, Broken Bow.

MRS. JOSEPH DROEGE DEPARTS FOR WYOMING

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. Joseph Droege departed this morning for Green River, Wyoming, where she will make a short visit with her son, Emil, who is employed at that place and has had a most successful career since locating in that city. Mrs. Droege will greatly enjoy the trip, as it has been over a year since she has had the pleasure of visiting with her son, and it is unnecessary to say that the occasion will be one of great pleasure to both the mother and son. Emil has been playing ball during the summer months and his reputation as a player is among the best in that part of the country and his many friends here will be delighted to learn that he is getting along so well.

For Sale.

From Saturday's Daily. New buggy, ahness and No. 1 single driver. Outfit at the home of Geo. Marks, Nehawka. Wes Kivett.