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COMMERCIAL CLUB ENJOYS FINE MEETING

A Very Interesting Meeting in Which Bargain Day and Better Lights Were Discussed.

From Friday's Daily.

The Plattsmouth Commercial club enjoyed a very good meeting last evening and a number of subjects of interest to the city and its welfare were discussed and commented upon by the members, chief of which was the lighting problem and the success that had attended the sales day held her last Saturday.

On the sales day matter, E. H. Wescott, one of the committee who had the matter in hand, stated that apparently the day had been very successful from the standpoint of the merchants, who had all done a good business, and that the farmers and visitors had been well pleased with the band concerts offered them by the citizens here. Mr. Wescott stated he was heartily in favor of having the sales continued in the future, although at what intervals he was not certain would be best. The sales day had done all it was intended for—it had brought in the farmers—and they had been offered exceptional bargains by most of the stores, as well as an excellent band concert. As an object lesson of the drawing power of the day he cited the fact of a farmer who had been in their store on that day and he said it was the first time in four years that he had been in Plattsmouth, but he had seen the advertisement of the sales day in the Plattsmouth Journal and decided to come in and attend the event, and had gone home well pleased.

E. A. Wurl stated that the day had resulted in bringing a large number of people to the city and that the volume of business had been quite heavy and he thought the idea a good one. Philip Thieroff was of the opinion that the sales day idea was a splendid thing and that the one last Saturday had been very successful in every way. Everyone was well pleased with the splendid concerts and he thought that the proposition should be made a permanent affair in the city.

C. C. Parmele, president of the Bank of Cass County, expressed himself as well pleased with the success of the day and he had not saw so many people in the city for a long time as was here on last Saturday, and that their bank had cashed more checks for outside parties, who had come in person to have them cashed than ever before in a single day, and undoubtedly part of this money at least remained in the city and he thought the proposition should be kept alive by the business men.

F. E. Schlater of the First National bank stated that in their bank there had been many farmers' checks cashed last Saturday and that this money was undoubtedly spent among the merchants. He thought the sales day idea a good one and it had proved an excellent advertisement for the city and it was a great thing and should be pushed along.

In speaking of the auctioneer feature of the day, Mr. Wescott stated that Q. K. Parmele had kindly donated his services to the committee for the day as auctioneer and that George Sayles had been secured to act as clerk of the auction, but the farmers had failed to bring in anything to sell, but he thought in time this could be made one of the big features of the day, as it had so proven in other towns where it had been tried out.

Jacob P. Falter believed that the sales day proposition was one of the liveliest propositions the business men had hit upon and it had resulted in enormous crowds coming here last Saturday to take advantage of the bargains offered, and he thought the sales days should be held three or four times a year at least.

Mr. Wurl, in regard to this matter, stated that at the State Retailers' convention the general opinion seemed to be that three or four times a year was about right for holding these sales, as oftener had a tendency to make them become stale, and the merchants did not take the proper interest, as well as the fact that it installed a hardship on them in the offering of their goods at a sacrifice such as was necessary to make the occasion a success. He was heartily in favor of the proposition, however.

A number of the members called the attention of the club to the fact that some of the merchants had sold articles that their competitors were advertising at the same price and this had proven the only displeasing proposition, however.

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WILD-EYED RUMOR THAT SEEMS TO BE UNFOUNDED

Missouri Pacific to Take Off Several Trains Proves a Canard in the Whole.

There has been considerable alarm in the western and central parts of the county over a wild-eyed rumor that has been circulated through that section in regard to what the Missouri Pacific intended to do in regard to changing the schedule of its trains on the Lincoln branch of the road in order to afford accommodations into this city.

One is that the road will start a train out of Lincoln about 3:30 a. m., to run to Union to connect with the north bound passenger on the main line, and that several of the other trains on that line will be taken off. That report is absolutely unfounded there is no doubt, as the state railway commission has received no intimation of any intention of this kind from the company, and before it could be carried out the board would have to give its approval of the proposition to take the trains off the line. That report is without any grounds is evidenced by the fact that the Missouri Pacific agent here has received no intimation of the change, which the spreaders of the story said would take place next Sunday. The report doubtless had its birth in the head of someone who, without any regard for the truth, spread the report, seeking to prevent the improving of the train service from the county into this city, but they are certainly badly "off their base."

There never was the slightest intention on the part of anyone here to try and have the service on the Lincoln line of the Missouri Pacific changed, and the only thing asked was more justice in the running of trains from the south on the main line to allow parties to come to this city and return home the same day.

It is understood that the state railway commission expects to request the Missouri Pacific to run its morning passenger train on the Louisville line of that road a few minutes earlier in order that connections can be made with the Burlington at Louisville with the train for this city. This would be a little improvement, but still leave the residents along the main line without a good train to come to this city and return the same day.

En Route to Hospital.
Dr. G. H. Gilmore and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hansen, from near Murray, passed through the city this morning via the automobile route, for Omaha, where Mrs. Hansen will be placed in the hospital for treatment. They intended to take the early Burlington train, but arrived here too late for that, and finished the trip in the auto.

LET US HAVE A FAR BETTER LIGHTING SYSTEM

Keep Ball Rolling in Direction of Better Lights Until We Gain the Point.

The matter of better lights for this city, which was stirred up at the Commercial club meeting Thursday evening, is one that should be taken up and pushed by the citizens and business men of the city, and the main street of the city lit up in a manner worthy of the size of the town. There are numerous towns throughout the state that have far superior lighting facilities to those of this city, which seems, in this respect, to have fallen into a rut of retrogression from which it is hard to bring it out on the highway of progress.

The present system of gas lights on the business streets of the town are at the least a joke, and it seems almost a crime that the city is compelled to pay out good money for a service that is wasteful to say the least. If the business men on Main street will show their spirit of progressiveness and assist in securing electric lights for the Main street then the old lights should be abandoned and electric service installed in its stead. All the other cities of the state have abandoned the old-fashioned lights long ago and installed this system of lighting the streets, which is vastly superior to either the gas lights or the old arc lights used for electric current.

The lights as proposed to try and install, will be about the height of the present gas lamps and will consist of a handsome ornamental iron post with four drop electric light bulbs on the different sides and upright bulb in the top. These lights will all be kept burning until 10 o'clock, or some other appropriate hour, when the four can be turned off and the one remaining light be kept burning for the remainder of the night. These are the kind of lights that are used in Fremont and that city has the reputation of being the best lighted one in the state. The cost of maintaining these lights after they are installed will not be great, and with three in each block would make this city vie with the famous great white way of New York. Push the good work on until we have the proper kind of lights installed on Main street.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT BURLINGTON STATION

The program of improvements at the Burlington yards and station still continues and the material is on hand for the extension of the platform of the passenger station some two hundred feet to the north and several feet further east in order to make it more comfortable and convenient to the traveling public. The Burlington is making the changes in the trackage as rapidly as possible and in a short time the work of setting over the tracks in front of the depot will be started, and this will make it possible to make the platform several feet wider than it is at present, as the tracks will be set over some six or eight feet to the east and only a single track will be used in front of the depot, as the extension of the platform to the north will necessitate cutting the track leads in the yards down.

Married at Parsonage.
From Saturday's Daily.
The M. E. parsonage was the scene of a quiet wedding today at noon, when Rev. F. M. Drulinger united in marriage W. H. Harrison and Mary B. Turpin, both of Omaha.

Called to Kansas City.

From Friday's Daily.
This morning Mrs. Joseph H. Smith received a message from Kansas City announcing that her daughter, Mrs. Stella Williams, was in a very critical condition and was not expected to live. Mrs. Williams was first taken with an abscess in her side and was compelled to go to a hospital there for treatment, but complications set in following the operation for the abscess that made her condition very serious, and about two weeks ago Mrs. Smith was called to that place to see her daughter, but before leaving that city it seemed that Mrs. Williams was improving, and Mrs. Smith came on home, only to be summoned by the message this morning to her daughter's probable death-bed. Mrs. Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Charles Green, a daughter-in-law, left this afternoon for Kansas City.

EXCELLENT TREAT AT MASONIC HOME LAST EVENING

Large Number of Masons Come Down From Omaha and Furnish Fine Entertainment.

From Friday's Daily.
The residents at the Masonic Home in this city were treated to a most delightful entertainment yesterday afternoon, when the members of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, the oldest Masonic lodge in the state, to the number of some thirty-five, came down from Omaha and gave the aged people at the Home a splendid musical entertainment. The delegation came with a stringed orchestra and several talented vocalists, and the entertainment afforded proved a most delightful treat to the members of the big family at the Home. Nebraska lodge was organized in an early day when Nebraska was yet a territory, and their original location was at Bellevue, and in addition to being the oldest lodge in the state the members of No. 1 are also among the liveliest members of the Masonic fraternity in Nebraska.

The musical program afforded by the members of the visiting lodge was most gratifying to all who were fortunate enough to hear it, and the members of the Home, as well as Superintendent W. S. Askwith and wife, appreciated deeply the interest and kindness shown by these splendid members of the fraternity in coming here to afford the aged residents of the Home such a splendid time. The visitors were treated to a most tempting luncheon by the superintendent and his wife at the Home, following the concert, and everyone felt that the occasion had been one of much enjoyment to them. There were a number of the members of the board of trustees with the party of visitors, and the delegation was headed by Ed Thompson, W. M. of Nebraska lodge, and included such distinguished citizens and Masons as W. F. Cosh, past master Lodge No. 11; J. F. Wilcox, past master Lodge No. 1; Charles Shook and Judge Berka, both prominent members of No. 1. The party returned to Omaha on the 7:45 Missouri Pacific.

Mrs. Bates Gets Pension.
Judge M. Archer, who has been so successful in securing pensions for the old soldiers and their widows, has just received notice from the pension department at Washington that a pension of \$12 per month has been granted Mrs. Fannie Bates, widow of I. F. Bates. The pension is dated from July 14, 1913. Judge Archer is very careful in his claims that are presented to the department and has been very successful in his practice before the department.

Spot oach special—King's New Discovery for coughs and colds. 50c size, 33c. Gering & Co. Phone 38.

THE ELECTRIC SERVICE OUT FOR A WHILE

Boiler at Power Plant Is Put Out of Commission and City Plunged in Darkness.

This city was plunged in darkness about 7 o'clock Saturday evening as the result of an accident at the power house of the lighting company, which put the electric service out of commission. One of the boilers, which was steamed up to furnish the power to run the machinery for the making of the electric current, was put on the bum by the bursting of a flue and it was necessary to shut the plant down until the auxiliary boiler could be steamed up to take up the work of furnishing light and power to the city, and it was about 8:30 before the current was turned on again in the city.

The breakdown, while due to an accident, was felt very much throughout the city, as many of the residences are equipped with electricity alone, and there was a general scramble for the old-fashioned kerosene lamps to allow the different families to see how to get around. The different business houses felt the loss of the current keenly, as it happened at a time when the stores were crowded with customers, and it was necessary to rush around and provide other means of illumination until the lights would be in commission again.

These accidents are very annoying to the patrons of the company and there should be some way provided by the light company to care for the service in case of these accidents if they are to expect the public to use the electric current in their homes and places of business, as the breakdowns result in every merchant who has electric lights in his store losing money, and they feel keenly the inconvenience in the homes of the city when the service is put out of commission.

ROMANCE IN WHICH O. R. HANDLY FIGURES

A romance that began three years ago when Orville R. Handley of Plattsmouth met Miss Anna von Goetz of North Platte, when both were employed in the Remington typewriter offices here, will result in their wedding next Tuesday in Harvey, Ill., at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Small.

Miss von Goetz, who is a daughter of Victor von Goetz of North Platte, and a sister of Mrs. Clyde Drew of Dundee, was cashier of the Remington company here three years ago when she met Mr. Handley, then city salesman for the same concern. Two years ago Mr. Handley went east in the typewriting business and is now manager of the Underwood offices in Muncie, Ind. Miss von Goetz for several months has been cashier of the Love-Haskell insurance company here. She went to North Platte two weeks ago to prepare for her wedding, and late last week went to her sister's home. The wedding was originally planned for Christmas this year.—Omaha News.

The young man mentioned in the romance noted above is a son of Mrs. A. R. Handley of this city and is well known to a great many of our people, as he has been here quite often visiting with his mother, and his friends here will be greatly pleased to learn of his approaching happiness.

Miss Hannah Berggren returned to the metropolis last evening on the Missouri Pacific, after a short visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Berggren, and her friends.

No Court Here Monday.

From Friday's Daily.
The clerk of the district court has sent out notices to the various members of the jury panel for the October term of the district court, as well as the applicants for naturalization papers, that the district court will not be convened here Monday, as even if the governor this week fills the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge Travis, it will be impossible for the judge appointed to qualify in time for the opening of court here Monday.

Mrs. William Holly and daughter, Miss Alma, were passengers this morning for Omaha, where they will spend a few hours looking after matters of business. Miss Alma came up last evening from Avoca, where she is engaged in teaching school.

THE DEBATE DISPLAYED SOME FINE ORATORY

Loyal Sons of the Christian Bible Class Enjoy Very Fine Time at the Briggs Home.

From Friday's Daily.
The Loyal Sons, the young men's bible class at the Christian church, met at the home of their teacher, M. S. Briggs, last evening, and with their friends listened to an address made by Hon. A. J. Beeson, and afterwards a discussion by the class. Judge Beeson, whose subject was "The Elements of Success," spoke with a great deal of eloquence, and both delighted and pleased the listeners with his sound logic, replete with laughable stories told in the judge's own way.

The discussion, which was on the subject of whether the secretary of state has a right to give paid lectures while occupying that position, was led by Phillip Rhin on the affirmative and Bert A. McElwain, opposing, while Mr. Rhin was ably assisted by O. C. Hudson, and the opposite side was made stronger by the eloquence of Oliver Harvey, who is attending the High school, but knows how to coroll the facts, as well as present them to insure their most telling effect.

The judges, who were C. A. Rawls, D. C. Morgan, C. H. Taylor, G. L. Farley and Prof. A. O. Eggenberger, were so puzzled by the stirring speeches that in some cases they were changed from their original belief on the matter and were not able to deliver a decision, seeing so much merit displayed by the debaters. After the affirmative had closed their argument, the leader for the negative, who was loaded to the gunwale with facts and figures, evinced a desire to again assail the chautauqua speaker for his apparent laxity of his official duties, but as the matter was closed, he was not allowed to do so. Later, by a vote of the judges, he was given the desired privilege, but when he had duly considered the matter, thought it would be unfair and would forego the pleasure of the last word.

A large crowd was present, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves by the hospitality of the Loyal Sons. The class expects to continue their lectures during the winter, and the next one will be announced shortly.

Mrs. R. C. Bailey Improving.
R. C. Bailey returned Saturday evening from Omaha, where he has been visiting his wife at the hospital, and he reports her as getting along nicely and that the outlook for her complete recovery very bright. This will be most pleasing news for the friends of the Bailey family throughout the county, and especially in the vicinity of Murray, where the family reside.

M. Tritsch, refracting optician, at Gering & Co.'s Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Examination free.

GERMAN DAYS A BIG SUCCESS IN PLATTSMOUTH

An Immense Crowd in the City Saturday Afternoon to Attend the Event.

Saturday afternoon the city was filled with one of the largest crowds that has assembled in Plattsmouth in the past year, for the purpose of taking in the big German Day celebration, and that event passed off as one of the most successful of its kind ever held in the city and reflected a great deal of credit upon the members of the committee in charge of the arrangements for the celebrating of this event.

The main event of the afternoon was the parade, which swept through the streets about 3 o'clock, and the demonstration made was one very creditable indeed. The parade was headed by Chief of Police Ben Rainey and President Louis Leiner of the Plattsmouth Turn Verein, and following them came the mayor and city officials and the council in automobiles, which were handsomely decorated with the American and German national colors. The chief feature of the parade was the troop of some sixty mounted horsemen on prancing steeds, all uniformed in white, and in their caps wearing a small American flag. The mounted section of the parade was followed by the different German societies on foot, consisting of Germania Lodge No. 81, A. O. U. W., Sons of Herman and the Plattsmouth Turn Verein.

The procession was formed at the German Home and then marched down Washington avenue to Seventh street and then south to Main street. The parade moved east on Main to the Burlington station and then counter-marched to Fourth street and thence to Vine, thence west to the Home, where the parade was disbanded. One of the features that attracted a great deal of attention was the carriage containing the "Father of German Day in Plattsmouth," Herr Claus Boetel, who, for the auspicious occasion, sported a shiny silk hat that was most becoming to this pleasant old German citizen.

On Saturday evening the German Home was entirely too small to accommodate the throng that sought to take part in the grand ball given at that place. Despite the immense crowd present there was perfect good order and a most enjoyable time had by all who were fortunate enough to be present. The music for the dance was furnished by the Holly orchestra, who were there in giving the dancers the latest in musical hits, and the excellent music aided greatly in making the occasion the immense success that it was in every way.

The German Home was crowded to its capacity again on Sunday afternoon by the sturdy representatives of this excellent race, to take part in the program of speaking that had been arranged for. Mayor John P. Sattler presided over the gathering, and in a few well chosen words explained the meaning of the day and the pleasure he felt at seeing such a splendid gathering of his fellow countrymen. Mr. Sattler, at the close of his remarks, introduced Hon. A. Speech of some length, paid a glowing tribute to the worth of the German character, of their thrift, industry, and patriotism and love for their adopted country for which they had so freely given their blood on the battle fields of the civil war. Mr. Gering also gave a short account of the origin of German Day in celebration of the arrival in America of the first German emigrants in the seventeenth century, and he also paid a most eloquent tribute to the pride of

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