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MISSOURI TRIBE OF RED MEN HOLD A BIG MEETING

Big Time and Fine Program Is Given by the Braves.

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening there was a very large attendance of the members of Missouri Tribe No. 69, Improved Order of Redmen, at their hall to take part in the meeting which was one of the best the order has held for some time. The lodge at this meeting elected the officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Sachem—Henry Lahoda, Senior Sagamore—Frank Hawkenbery, Junior Sagamore—Tom Isner, Prophet—R. D. Dalton, Keeper of Records—Emil Wallers, Keeper of Waumpum—John Cory.

Delegates to Great Council of the Order—J. C. York and William Hinrichsen.

After the business session of the lodge the members adjourned to the banquet hall, where a feast that was fit for a king had been prepared, and here the warriors and chiefs enjoyed themselves for several hours and gathered around their new brothers whom they had adopted into the tribe at this meeting.

Chief Yellow Bear performed has part in singing the "Dutch Mocking Bird" and the manner in which he carried it out was a wonderment to those who heard him. His thrills and melodies carried the audience back to that good old church land where such singing could be heard on the hillside and wafted across the valleys where the grapevines and apple trees were growing in profusion. He wafted his melodies on the elder press in the hall until the boys were all asleep. More could be said of his wonderful talent, but as he has promised to give this lodge another treat they will be content to wait for further remarks on his work.

The next of the talented chiefs to be called upon was Chief Spotted Tail in the very difficult Bohemian Tango, and he was very good for the time he had to prepare for the event. His movements were very graceful, but when he tried to get the heel action in the dance he got his form in such shape that he looked like a giraffe, only that he was not spotted. He will, with a little more practice, make good in this stunt there is no doubt. Chief White Cloud performed his part very well in singing "The Irish Washerwoman," but he seemed to be thinking of the old washing and forgot to put the melody into the music. His next musical treat will be "The Arkansas Traveler." Chief Red Horse was not quite a failure, the only trouble with his part was that his head seemed too heavy for his feet when he was trying to perform his difficult parts, but it is thought he could be sent back to Germany and put in the care of a good instructor for three years and would probably make good. There were a number of others on the program who were right on the job in their acts, but space forbids a more extensive mention.

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The Journal for stationery.

Here for Christmas Season.

From Friday's Daily. John Coughlin, who spent the past summer and fall in Tennessee, where he is interested in the interurban railway at Nashville, Tenn., is in the city to spend the Christmas holidays with his friends here, being a guest at the H. M. Soennichsen home. Mr. Coughlin, who spent several months here in the insurance business, is one of the most genial men in the world and his friends here are legion, and it was certainly a rare pleasure to them to have him here for even a short time. He is looking hale and hearty and the southland appears to have agreed with him in every way.

THE WORK ON THE COUNTRY ROADS PAYS

The Roads Throughout the County Are in Good Condition.

From Friday's Daily.

The many farmers who have visited the city, as well as parties from town who have made trips out into the country in the last ten days, report the roads in most of the county to be in excellent shape and very good to travel over, either with team or automobile, and it is an exception when any bad roads are struck in traveling, and this satisfactory condition is due largely to the many farmers who have taken the time to drag their roads and place them in good condition before the freezing weather sets in, which made the roads have a good basis, and when the thawing weather, as at present set in, during the days they retained the solid smoothness and base imparted to them by the work of the drags and scrapers and furnish the farmers and others with good means of travel, and the good work should be continued and at every favorable opportunity the old drag gotten out and placed on the road to make them retain their good condition all through the winter months.

The different road supervisors throughout the county put in many a hard day's work on the roads in their districts and can now feel very proud of the excellent condition in which they are. One of the hardest roads in this section to keep in shape is that leading to the wagon bridge over the Platte river, on account of the hills that lead to it and the spongy soil of the Platte bottom, which makes the task of keeping up the road in proper shape a hard one, and owing to the fact that this road is a link in the great Kansas City-Omaha route it should be looked after as much as possible and kept in such shape as to permit travel over it at all seasons of the year.

The condition of the avenues in this city is one that has given the street commissioner and councilmen much trouble, as they are in quite a rough condition, especially that of Washington avenue, which is quite rough and cut up by the wheels of the vehicles, but it is hoped to be able to have it fixed up so as to allow travel over it in comfort.

Seward Man to Wed.

From Friday's Daily. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18.—Harry A. Cummins, aged 22, of Seward, Neb., secured a marriage license here today, naming for his intended bride Miss Lucetta Patterson, aged 25, of Omaha.

The above dispatch will be of much interest to Plattsmouth residents, as the contracting parties are well known here, having been here several times visiting friends, and the bride has been present at many of the leading social functions held in this city and is very highly esteemed by her friends here, who will extend to Mr. and Mrs. Cummins their best wishes for their future happiness.



A SANTA CLAUS PARTY AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Splendid Musical Program Is Arranged for Christmas Eve at Presbyterian Church.

From Saturday's Daily.

The members of the Presbyterian Sabbath school are making quite extensive preparations for their Christmas entertainment next Wednesday evening. It is to consist of a cantata, "Santa Claus' Party," under the direction of Miss Valley, and a play, "The Spirit of Christmas," in charge of the teachers of the primary grades. Both of these little entertainments will be interesting and helpful to both young and old.

In the cantata the children will receive and most royally entertain Santa Claus in appreciation of what he has done for them in years gone by. The friends of Santa will also be guests of the children on this delightful occasion. The music in this cantata is bright and cheery and Santa Claus himself will demonstrate to his visitors and friends that he is a singer of some class and ability.

In the play, "The Spirit of Christmas," the real spirit, which should be manifested by those giving gifts, will be made clear by King Christmas, who issues a decree that all gifts shall be brought before him before any of them shall be sent to the relatives and friends for whom they are intended. After making a proper

investigation he will indicate whether or not the gift is a proper one and whether or not the spirit in which it is given is praiseworthy.

In the presentation of the program of the evening about sixty of the little folks will appear on the large platform, prettily costumed for the special parts for which they have been assigned.

As has been the custom of the school for a number of years, each member of it will contribute something toward the Christmas dinners which are to be prepared and put into baskets to be sent to families which have been unfortunate, perhaps, and would appreciate being thus remembered at this time. Each class gets up a dinner for some well-deserving family, and parents are asked to co-operate with the teachers' most important part of the work. A most cordial invitation is extended to the public to enjoy these Christmas exercises with the school.

NO FREIGHT ON THE SHORT LINE THURSDAYS

The local freight over the Burlington known as No. 29 and 30, which leaves this city about 7 a. m., has been so arranged that it will not run on Thursday morning in the future until further notice. The train did not run last Thursday and it is generally understood this order in regard to Thursday will stay in effect until spring if the traffic does not become so heavy as to force the train to make its run each morning as usual. The train makes the return trip to this city in the evening as No. 30, and most of the train crew make their homes in this city.

DEATH CLAIMS ANOTHER OF OUR EARLY SETTLERS

Highly Respected Lady and One of the Earliest Settlers Called to Final Reward.

From Saturday's Daily.

Another of the early residents of the county has been summoned to her final reward in the person of Mrs. J. D. Thierolf, residing a few miles south of Cedar Creek, who passed away at her home late Thursday afternoon, after an illness covering a period of years, being a complication of various ailments, which for the past six years had kept Mrs. Thierolf bedfast for the greater part of the time.

This worthy lady was born in Fuerstengrund, Hossen-Darmstadt, Germany, some sixty years ago, and came to America in company with her husband about forty years ago, and they at once located on a farm near the present home, south of Cedar Creek, in which locality they have resided since that time, and have been among the most highly respected and esteemed citizens in that section of the county. The husband passed away about six years ago, and since that time the wife has been living with her daughter, Mrs. Adam Meisinger, at the old home place.

There is left to mourn the passing of the mother the following children: Mrs. Adam Meisinger of Cedar Creek, George Thierolf of Minnesota, Philip

Thierolf, Anna Thierolf, Eva Thierolf and John Thierolf, all residing in the vicinity of Cedar Creek. The funeral of Mrs. Thierolf was held this afternoon from the church near the Walcott cemetery, and the casket interred in that burial place. The services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Steger of this city, pastor of St. Paul's church.

The passing of Mrs. Thierolf will occasion a feeling of deep sorrow throughout the locality where she had for so many years been a resident, and the family will receive in their bereavement the deepest sympathy of everyone in this section of Cass county, and to many of whom the departed was held in the warmest friendship.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Very Delightful Program Was Rendered and All Acquitted Themselves With Credit.

From Saturday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon at the school building the pupils of St. John's Catholic school gave a very delightful program in the closing exercises for the Christmas vacation, and the boys and girls who took part in the exercises did themselves proud in the manner in which they carried out the different selections assigned to them. The exercises were opened by a very pleasing piano solo by Miss Frances Janda, followed by the Christmas greetings to the pastor, which was followed by a number of recitations by Eleanor Hiber, Joe Schlatter, Mary K. Parmole, George Webster, and Mary M. Walling. The primary pupils gave a very charming little song, "Santa's Bells," which greatly pleased everyone present, and this was followed by the appearance of old Santa himself, as impersonated by Master Tom Walling, and this feature was one that pleased all the little folks, who were delighted to make the acquaintance of this jolly gentleman, who was laden with tokens for all of the children.

This was followed by two very pleasing recitations by David Skoloda and Harry P. Wales, and then the audience were treated to a very clever dialogue, "Two Christmas Dolls," by Emma Schmitz and Mary Hiber, which was given in a most charming manner. A number of recitations were also given by Bernice Janda, William Schlatter, Katherine Weber, John Riley, Robert Warza, Joseph Weber, David Skoloda and Edyth Burdick.

A very delightful feature of the exercises was the violin duet, with piano accompaniment, by Theodore and John Skoloda and Miss Frances Janda, which was given in a most delightful manner. Four little-four girls gave a very pleasing song in a cute and winning manner that won the hearts of everyone. Very artistic piano solos were given during the program by Misses Frances Janda, Mary M. Walling, Mary and Ruth Parmole, and these young ladies showed the great care bestowed upon their training by their instructors.

The pupils of the school greatly pleased the pastor of the church, Rev. Father M. A. Shine, by presenting him with a beautiful lace surplice, the speech of presentation being delivered by Tom Walling, and the dainty remembrance was received with the deepest feeling by the pastor, as it showed the love and esteem felt for this worthy man by his children of the parish. The pupils also gave a very pleasing vocal number, "Holy Night." The pastor closed the program by a short address and greeting to the scholars and the distribution of the various gifts offered for them.

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MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF J. A. JOHNSON

Much Excitement Is Occasioned Over His Disappearance and Some Think Suicide.

There has been a great deal of worry here during the past week among the friends of John A. Johnson over the mysterious disappearance of that gentleman, and fears of foul play or of his having committed suicide, have greatly worried up the friends. Mr. Johnson was appointed about ten days ago as chief clerk of the Burlington store department at Alliance and had made all arrangements to leave this city for the western town on last Sunday, and so announced to a number of his friends his intention to leave on that day.

He was seen on the streets here last Saturday and on the evening of that day spent several hours with a few of his intimate friends in a farewell gathering and about 10 o'clock announced to them that he was going out, but would return shortly, and since that time there has been nothing seen or heard of him, although his friends have exerted every means to find out if possible his whereabouts, but without avail, as he seems in an instant to have stepped out of their lives without warning or without any word as to his intention, and whether in a spell of despondency he decided to end his life, or being dissatisfied with his transfer or promotion to Alliance, he decided to seek another location is a matter that will take time to reveal. It seems very strange that Mr. Johnson did not give some inkling to his close friends if he intended to leave the city, as there was no apparent reason why he should not inform them of his intentions.

Since the death of his mother nearly a year ago, "Johnny," as he was familiarly known, had been quite dependent on illness, as she was his only close relative, and while his friends did everything in their power to cheer up his spirits, he seems to have brooded over his lonely condition and this may furnish a cause for his strange disappearance, in that he had decided to put an end to himself.

The matter was not turned over to the authorities until Saturday, although a message was received from Alliance on Tuesday announcing his failure to arrive and assume his duties at that place and inquiring as to the delay. As soon as the matter was placed in the hands of Sheriff Quenton he made arrangements to send out pictures and descriptions of the missing man to different localities, in the hopes of locating him and relieving the worry of his friends.

Return to Hospital.

From Friday's Daily. Charles Isner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Isner, of this city, who has been at one of the hospitals in Lincoln for the past two years, taking treatment for an affliction of his lower limbs, came in last evening on No. 7 and will visit here with his parents over Christmas. Charles has been troubled with what is thought to be tuberculosis of the bone, which has affected his leg and he is able to be around only by the use of crutches, but feels a little improved than when he left here to enter the hospital.

For Sale.

Good 160-acre farm, 3 1/2 miles southeast of Greenwood, Neb.; 125 acres in winter wheat, 20 acres meadow. Also good 160-acre farm, 1 1/2 miles west of Greenwood, Neb.; 70 acres in winter wheat, 12 acres alfalfa. Call on or write, A. D. Wallon, or Farmers State Bank, Greenwood, Neb.

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