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PLATTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI BANQUET

The Second Annual Gathering of the Members a Grand Success and Most Enjoyable Affair.

From Saturday's Daily. Last evening at the Modern Woodman hall the members of the Plattsmouth High school alumni gathered to join in their second annual banquet, and the affair proved a most delightful one for the large number of the graduates of the local school who gathered around the festal board.

A most sumptuous banquet was served in the dining room of the building, which served to put the banquet in the best of humor for the feast of reason and eloquence that was afforded them by the speakers of the evening. The committee in charge of the banquet were greatly disappointed in not being able to have with them Former Superintendent of Schools Gamble and Abbott, who were unable to attend, as well as Superintendent Brooks, who was called to Oklahoma on Thursday. The occasion was one that means a great deal to the young people who graduate from the schools here, as it was the perfecting of an organization that will, in the years to come, serve as a means of keeping many a friendship alive through the medium of the common ground of the alumni association, and the different speakers of the evening, members and former members of the High school, in their addresses brought out clearly this point, and by their remarks impressed upon their hearers the need of carrying on the work of keeping the association to the front.

Rue Frans of Union presided over the banquet in a very pleasing manner, and his handling of the difficult position was one that reflected great credit upon this young man, and his remarks were most thoroughly enjoyed by everyone gathered around the banquet board. Short addresses were made during the evening by Miss Florence Richardson, Waldemar Soennichsen, Will Richardson, E. H. Wescott, one of the graduates of the Plattsmouth schools in the nineties and Miss Golda Noble, and each of these speakers carried a message to the association in praise of the work they had undertaken and pledged their assistance in carrying on the work of the association. The association, at their meeting last evening, selected the officers for the ensuing year as follows: President—Ralph Larson. Secretary and Treasurer—Edna Shopp.

The banquet hall was decorated very handsomely in blue and white, the colors of the local school, and pennants of the Plattsmouth High school were draped throughout the hall, making the scene one in keeping with the spirit of the occasion, and which served to inspire the banqueters with a desire to aid in the work of the association in keeping alive the school spirit.

UNCLE JESSIE McVEY DOWN WITH RHEUMATISM

From Saturday's Daily. For the past three days Uncle Jesse McVey, who is boarding at the Perkins House, has been under the weather, and the greater part of the time has been confined to his room suffering from what appears to be an attack of neuralgia, combined with rheumatism, and it has completely put Uncle Jesse out of business. He has only recently returned from an extended trip to Ohio and Illinois and felt in fine health, but had been here only a few days when he was taken sick.

Will Move Store.
We regret to know that our townsman and merchant, Mr. Simons, has decided to leave Ord. He has rented a store room in Plattsmouth and will move his stock of goods to that place by the first of the new year. Mr. Simons has proved himself to be a square, upright man and has enjoyed a good business in spite of the fact that his location was about as bad as could be had in town. Plattsmouth will receive an excellent family when the Simonses come to their city.—Ord Quiz.

FINE TREAT FOR MASONIC HOME MEMBERS

Old Folks Were Magnificently Remembered in True Spirit of Christmas Time.

On Christmas day the members of the big family at the Masonic Home enjoyed a most delightful time in celebrating the event, and the pleasure of the day will long be remembered by the residents of the Home and by Superintendent Askwith and wife, who had been preparing for the event for some time, assisted by the members of the different Masonic and Eastern Star lodges throughout the state, and there were many gifts for the old people on the Christmas tree that was placed in the parlors of the Home on Wednesday evening. The tree was a most beautiful sight, as it was decorated with some forty-eight different colored lights and laden with remembrances for the different persons residing at the Home. The secretary of the Masonic Home association, Hon. F. E. White, of Omaha, was present and gave the members of the Home a very pleasant talk. On Christmas day there was one of the finest feasts imaginable spread in the dining hall of the Home and the table fairly groaned beneath the weight of the good things to eat, and there was a feeling among all partaking of the delicious repast that nothing had been omitted to make the occasion a complete feast, as a glance at the menu will show: Roast Turkey Dressing.

Giblet Gravy.
Roast Sweet Potatoes.
Mashed Potatoes.
Stewed Tomatoes. Coldslaw.
Celery. Spiced Pickles.
Cranberry Sauce. Mince Pie.
Candy. Nuts.
Coffee. Tea. Milk.
In the afternoon the members of the junior choir of the Methodist church paid a visit to the Home and for an hour entertained the old folks with a program of song that made the day of pleasure to them, and as night fell the old folks felt that it had been one of the most pleasant events within their memory.

R. H. FRANS STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS AT HIS HOME IN UNION

From Saturday's Daily. A telephone message was received last evening announcing that R. H. Frans, one of the prominent business men of Union, had been stricken with paralysis and was quite badly affected by the stroke. His son, Rue Frans, was here attending the High school alumni banquet and left on the first train to be at his father's side, as the message did not convey the full extent of the affliction that had visited Mr. Frans. The news of the illness of this worthy citizen will be deeply regretted in this city, where he is well and favorably known.

Buy your stationery at the Journal office.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS IN PLATTSMOUTH

The Evening Previous and Christmas Day Celebrated in Various Ways.

Christmas in this city was celebrated in some form by almost everyone here, and there were hundreds of family reunions held throughout the city, where the children gathered under the parental roof, while many of the residents here whose parents lived elsewhere left to meet with them on this happy and joyful day. The different churches all had exercises or services to mark the occasion of the birth of the Saviour.

The Roman Catholics held services at 5:30 yesterday morning at both St. John's church and the Holy Rosary church, and both were crowded with the number of worshippers who gathered to take part in the solemn and beautiful services. At St. John's church the high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father M. A. Shine, and the church, in honor of Christmas, was decorated with flowers in profusion and presented a beautiful and inspiring sight, as the impressive music of the mass was sung by the priest and the choir.

The Holy Rosary church was crowded with the members of the parish at the early mass, which was celebrated by Rev. Father Vleck, rector of the church, and the choir gave a most beautiful rendition of the difficult mass. This church also held a large Christmas tree on Christmas eve for the young folks of the parish, and this service was attended by a large number of those belonging to the church and will long be remembered with much pleasure by all who were in attendance.

The Methodist church was the scene of two celebrations on Wednesday afternoon and evening, which served to furnish to all who attended much inspiration for better things. The service in the afternoon was in the nature of a treat for the little folks, and the parlors of the church were filled to overflowing with the youngsters of 8 years and under, who were treated to a most delightful time by the committee in charge of the event and a very pleasing program was given by the little folks, and they were given the pleasure of having a number of presents given to them to remind them of the happy event. The evening service, which was held at 7:30 in the auditorium of the church, was a departure from the accustomed celebrations held on Christmas eve, and instead of gifts being given out to the members of the congregation they were asked to join in the White Christmas by making offerings to the King, of self service or substance, and there were many donations made by the members of the church of financial aid and of their services to the work of the church, as well as devoting their lives to better things in the future. The success of the White Gift Christmas was very pleasing to those who arranged the celebration and a great deal of good will undoubtedly be accomplished for the church by means of it.

As usual St. Paul's German church was well filled by 7:30 on Christmas eve. The program was composed of numbers by fifty or more little folks and of course there were a great many visiting children, too. In fact, the evening was given over to the pleasure and teaching of these little folks, and through them the older ones present were delighted. A fine large tree, beautifully decorated for the occasion, attracted a great deal of attention during the entire evening. The program was made up of songs, short readings, dialogues and the like. It was not too long—numbers followed each other rapidly and

proved interesting throughout. The numbers showed good effort and preparation, both on the part of the individual and the instructor and parent who helped him. Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock a short liturgical service was conducted by Rev. J. H. Steger, pastor of the church, and a large attendance of the membership was present to take part in the service. The pastor delivered a short sermon appropriate to the day of Christmas, which was thoroughly enjoyed by his congregation and will prove of great inspiration to them.

The Presbyterian church was the scene of much pleasure and merriment on Christmas eve, when the children of the church as well as the older members, gathered to take part in the program and treat that had been prepared for the young folks. The exercises were opened with a very pleasing one-act dialogue entitled "The Spirit of Christmas," and the young folks acquitted themselves in fine shape with their work in the parts, and aided greatly in making the evening's program a fine success. The second section of the program consisted of a Christmas cantata entitled "The Santa Claus Party," and was participated in by about fifty little folks, and the little voices made sweet music when lifted in song, and little Misses Catherine Schneider and Thelma Kroehler were warmly encoered for their doll song, being attired as little dolls, and their sweet voices made the hearts of everyone feel the spirit of the occasion. The scene of the cantata was laid in a school room and Miss Muriel Straight enacted the role of the school teacher. As the sound of Santa Claus' bells was heard approaching the children entered the room, garbed as the different features of the Christmas season, and there were many handsome and beautiful characters represented in the march, which was closed by the appearance of the jolly old Santa, who, after a pleasing solo, presented a treat to all of the children who were present.

Yesterday morning at 10:30 Rev. Sulcer of Omaha held Christmas services at St. Luke's church and also celebrated the sacrament of Holy Communion, which was joined in by many of the members of the parish.

SNIPERS HUNTERS HAVE COME TO LIFE, AFTER MANY YEAR OF SLUMBER

From Saturday's Daily. A few nights ago a party of young farmers residing in the vicinity of Plattsmouth decided that it would be a fine idea to organize a snipe hunting expedition, and accordingly word was passed around that when the shades of night fell they would proceed out in search of the festive snipe, and every member of the party was warned to bring a sack with them in which the snipe were to be driven. The plan was carried out all right and there was a great deal of interest shown as to whom should stay out in the field and "hold the sack" for the snipe, but finally Henry Leiner was selected for the honor and accordingly took his station there and remained on duty until near the midnight hour, when the truth of the matter that he was the victim of a practical joke, and he wended his way homeward feeling that he would be on the lookout at the hunting party arranged by his friends. The members of the hunting party were: Robert Davidson, Will Kelly, Philip Tritsch, William Macey, Fritz Meisinger, Jess and Earl Terryberry, Frank Fight and Henry Leiner.

For Sale.
Good 160-acre farm, 3 1/2 miles southeast of Greenwood, Neb.; 125 acres in winter wheat, 30 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. Welton, or Farmers State Bank, Greenwood, Neb.

For Rent.
A farm in Southern Alberta, close to town. See S. O. Cole, My-nard, Neb. 12-15-2wks-w

MARRIED IN PLATTSMOUTH CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Karl Reece and Miss Alice Hazel Lehr of Omaha Married at the Home of Groom's Mother.

From Friday's Daily. Last evening at 6 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Eva Reece in this city occurred the marriage of her son, Karl, to Miss Alice Hazel Lehr of Omaha, in the presence of a large number of the relatives of the happy young people. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Sulcer of St. John's church of Omaha, using the beautiful and impressive service of the Episcopal church to unite the young people.

The bride was tastefully and charmingly attired in white crepe trimmed with lace and carried a bouquet of white bride roses. She was attended by Mrs. C. W. Baylor as matron of honor, who was gowned in a lovely costume of rose pink crepe trimmed with lace, and wore a corsage bouquet of pink roses and white hyacinths. The wedding ring was borne by Master David Baylor, who carried the ring on a cushion of red silk decorated with hearts to the parlor, where the ceremony was performed. Mr. Reece was attended by his brother, Guy Reece, of this city as best man, and both were attired in the conventional black.

For the occasion the Reece home was decorated most beautifully in the Christmas colors and made a very handsome setting for the happy event of the uniting of these two happy young hearts. Following the wedding ceremony a buffet luncheon was served to the wedding party, after which the newly wedded couple departed for Omaha, where they will be at home to their friends after February 1st.

The bride is well known in this city, where she has visited on several occasions, and is possessed of a large circle of warm friends in the metropolis, who will trust that the lives of these two young people may flow along as peaceful as a summer stream. The groom was born and reared to manhood in this city and graduated from the high school here in the class of 1911, and has since lived in Omaha, where he wooed and won his charming bride, and he will receive the best wishes of his friends here on his new-found happiness.

CHANGES IN THE TIME OF SOME OF THE BURLINGTON TRAINS

The passenger department of the Burlington has officially given out the changes contemplated in the running time of the different passenger trains of the system, which will be of importance to the residents of this city who travel over that road. No. 2, the Chicago train will, under the new time card, effective January 4th, leave Omaha at 3:30 for the east and will arrive here about 4:10, making it fifty minutes earlier than at present, and No. 14, the night train from Omaha, will leave that place at 8:30 instead of 8:50, as at present, and should arrive here about 9:20 in the evening, which will make it much more convenient to parties from this city to return home from the metropolis. This change will be very agreeable to the residents here, although there is a great deal of regret that No. 2 has been changed to an earlier schedule. The attention of the traveling public is called to these changes in time, which become effective a week from Sunday, on January 4.

Letter file at the Journal office.

Dr. O. Sandin Is Married.
From Friday's Daily. This morning Dr. O. Sandin returned from Kansas City, Missouri, bringing with him a very highly-prized Christmas present in the shape of a most charming bride, and the friends here of the young man, while greatly surprised, united in extending to Mr. and Mrs. Sandin their best wishes for a long and happy married life. The wedding occurred in the Missouri city yesterday afternoon and the young people at once came to this city, where they will reside in the future, as the groom has a very charming home prepared for his bride on South Ninth street.

AMI B. TODD IN A VERY SERIOUS CONDITION

Former Cass County Commissioner in Serious Condition at Denver Hospital.

A message was received here Saturday afternoon by Attorney D. O. Dwyer announcing that Ami B. Todd, a former Cass county resident, was in St. Luke's hospital in Denver in a very serious condition and grave fears were entertained for his recovery. Mr. Todd was operated upon at the hospital some five days ago for gall stones and failed to recover as had been hoped for, growing steadily worse, until the physicians in attendance have become doubtful of his recovery.

Mr. Todd has resided in Denver for the past few years and has not been in the best of health, as two years ago he was threatened with cancer, but was enabled to escape from the effects of that affliction through an operation, but never fully recovered his health and was not near the hale, vigorous man he was when a resident of this city.

While here Mr. Todd was one of the leading republicans in the county and this section of the state and for a long period of years filled the office of county commissioner in a splendid manner and was repeatedly re-elected to the office by the voters of the county. His many old friends here will deeply regret to learn of his serious condition and will trust that he may be spared from the dread effects of his affliction.

JAMES HIGLEY SENTENCED TO PENITENTIARY FOR FORGERY

The following taken from the State Journal of yesterday will be of interest to the Plattsmouth people, as the young man mentioned in it has been in the limelight here several times in a rather unfavorable manner:

"Two offenders were sentenced to the state penitentiary by Judge Stewart Saturday morning. One was sent to the state industrial school for boys and another was paroled. The man sent to the penitentiary was 'Bill' Williams, colored, who was found to have broken his parole, and James Higley, who had pleaded guilty to forgery. The former was given from one to ten years and the latter from one to twenty years. James Higley is a young man whose home is at Plattsmouth. He admitted that he had attempted to pass a forged check, and stated that he had been persuaded to do so by some companions whom he had picked up in Omaha. He is of frail physique and reports from his home are to the effect that his record is not good. Judge Stewart stated that he would send him to the prison for his own protection.

Our next excursion leaves Plattsmouth, via the Missouri Pacific, January 6th, midnight, for the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. All you fellows that "Wished you'd knowed it and you'd went along" the last time, now have the opportunity. Get out the old carpet bag and join the bunch, in our own Pullman cars on the night of the 6th. We have the goods, and can show you and get you back in eight days. W. E. Rosencrans 12-29-d&w

THE SUDDEN DEATH OF J. W. VALLERY

Stricken With Heart Failure He Dies on the Road Home Last Saturday Evening.

Saturday evening the friends of Jacob W. Vallery were profoundly shocked to learn of his being found dead within a few feet of his home on South Twelfth street. The discovery of the body was made by Onie Tyler, who was returning home from town, and seeing the form of a person lying by the side of the walk near the corner of Rock and Eleventh streets, did not stop to see who it was, but supposing it to be a woman, hastened to his home, where he secured the assistance of his father and they returned and found it was their friend and neighbor. They at once went to the residence of F. W. Elliott, near where Mr. Vallery was found, and the brother, P. J. Vallery, was notified of the terrible news, and living only a short distance away, was soon on the scene, but too late, as life was extinct and it was apparent that death must have come almost instantaneously from heart failure.

Mr. Vallery had left the business part of the city about 9:15 for home, apparently as well as ever, and it was a great shock to his friends to learn a few hours afterwards of his death. He had evidently felt the attack of heart failure from the walk up the steep hill on Rock street, and stopped to rest for a few minutes before resuming his journey, and while here the messenger of death came to him. When found he was lying slightly on one side with one of his hands partly under him, and the glove on it had been partially taken off and it looks as though he was engaged in drawing off his gloves at the time he was stricken. The body was at once conveyed to the home of P. J. Vallery and medical assistance summoned, but life had been extinct for some time and there was no doubt but what heart failure was the cause of the death.

Mr. Vallery was one of the best known men in this section of the county, where he had resided for many years, and his death will be keenly regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances in the whole county who have known him all these years. He was born at Waverly, Pike county, Ohio, April 27, 1855, and in 1865, in company with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Vallery, Sr., came to Cass county, Nebraska, where he had resided since that time. In his younger days he was married to Miss Emma Pancoot, and of this union two daughters, Mrs. James Finley of Bayard, Neb., and Mrs. O. M. Foote of Sioux City, Iowa, are left to mourn the loss of the father, as well as his brothers and sisters, Mrs. Christina Rummel of Plattsmouth; Mrs. S. V. Pitcher of San Diego, California; P. J. Vallery, C. F. Vallery and I. F. Vallery of this city.

The funeral of the departed will be held tomorrow afternoon from the home of P. J. Vallery at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. D. L. Dunkleberger of the Christian church, and interment will be made in Oak Hill cemetery. Mr. Vallery was a member of the Woodmen of the World of this city.

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