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PLATTSMOUTH'S OPPORTUNITY FOR BETTER LIGHT

The McKinley People Propose to Come Here If the People Offer the Proper Encouragement.

The opportunity that has been afforded the city of Plattsmouth to secure relief in the matter of light service is one that they cannot afford to pass up, as there has been a crying need for more and better electric service throughout the city. To admit into the city the McKinley people means that the light question will be handled by a company that has ample financial backing to carry on the work of supplying the city with electric power and that can be able to cope with the matter of supplying a service that can be depended upon when it is needed.

The McKinley company has made their plans for the construction of a power plant that will cost at least \$150,000, and have indicated their desire to erect that plant in this city if the citizens here seem ready to accept their service and extend to them their patronage in the manner they should. The question of the franchise to the company is one in which there is hardly a dissenting voice in the entire community, as everyone recognizes the needs of the present demand that some company capable of supplying the wants of the consumers of electric current, and the McKinley people can certainly come up to the mark in putting in a plant capable of creating all the power needed.

The plant proposed will be about five or six times the size of the one that is at present operated in this city by the present light company, and could well care for the service of thousands of consumers.

As stated before, the people have been long suffering under the conditions that have been allowed to prevail here, and they have grown decidedly tired of having to supply substitutes for the electric light a great part of the time. If the McKinley people come and give the assurance of a service that is satisfactory here there is no doubt that they will receive the hearty co-operation of the general public and three times the present number of users of electric current can be secured if the right kind of service is offered to them.

Here From Murray Saturday.

Last Saturday afternoon Phillip Keil and family drove up from their home near Murray to spend a few hours in the city, it being the first time for several months that Mr. Keil has been in the city. He reports that the conditions of things in his locality are fine and that he now has some ten acres of corn planted and ready to start to finishing a crop. Mr. Keil, while in the city, called at the Journal office and renewed for the Old Reliable for another year.

Percheron Stallion, Major.

I will stand my Percheron stallion, Major (62187), at the farm of J. H. Meisinger, 2 miles south of Cedar Creek, from Monday morning to Wednesday evening of each week, and the balance of the time during the season at my home. Henry Jochim.

Mrs. J. L. Richey of this city is enjoying an auto trip to Montana, in company with her brother, R. Coulter, and wife, of Macon, Missouri, who came through the city in the automobile and Mrs. Richey accompanied them on the trip to Montana, where they will visit a sister at Missoula.

Henry Ahl of Louisville was attending to business matters in this city today and made this office a brief call.

Visiting at J. E. Wiles Home.

From Saturday's Daily.

C. E. Sporer, a missionary to China for the United Brethren church, and who has been for a few days a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wiles, near this city, and who gave a very interesting address on the work in that far-off country at the United Brethren church, south of this city, departed last evening on No. 2 for his home at LaPorte, Indiana, where he expects to make a short visit before returning to China to take up his work in the mission field. During the time he was here a great many of the church members had the pleasure of meeting this able church worker. Mr. and Mrs. Wiles motored to this city with their guest yesterday and saw that he got started safely on his way.

THE RIFLE RANGE QUESTION UP AGAIN

Ashland Gazette Makes Some Rank Assertions Regarding U. S. Rifle Range Here.

From Saturday's Daily.

Alex Laverty and Ed Rose were in Lincoln last Saturday, and closed with the adjutant general for the purchase of the rifle range which has been the subject of discussion for the past several months. Some criticism has been indulged in by the State Journal and the Plattsmouth Journal. The former seems peeved on account of the failure of Kearney to make a respectable showing and the latter desiring the range near that city, the range of the regulars to be used by the state guards. The money for the purchase of the Ashland range has been furnished by the federal government, and not by the state as suggested by the above purveyors of public news. The range at Plattsmouth, so we are told, is in bad condition, a part of it already having slipped into the river.

The Ashland range is said by experts to be one of the best in the west. A few details yet remain to be worked out, such as perfecting the abstract, which will take a few weeks. It is the expectation of the adjutant general to commence work on the erection of the barracks without delay, so that the site may be used for this season's maneuvers.

The Ashland Gazette has evidently been badly misinformed as to the conditions at the rifle range near this city, owned by the United States government, and if they would have taken the time to investigate the conditions here they would have learned the true facts in the case, which are far from what they would have it appear. The statement that the river has washed away a part of the land is absolutely without foundation, as everyone who is at all familiar with the conditions along the river knows. Instead of the river washing away land it has added several acres on this side of the river and the range is in far better shape than when purchased by the government. There are a number of papers in this section which have reprinted the Ashland paper's article and they should correct themselves. The statement made in that paper does this city a rank injustice.

Residence for Sale.

Two-story brick on Main and 8th streets, contains 8 rooms, not including bath room and closets. Beautifully located and modern fixtures. Two and a half lots, with trees, barn and out-houses. For further particulars address Silas Long, 648 N. 26th St., Lincoln, Neb.

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ANOTHER WAR VETERAN ANSWERS LAST ROLL CALL

George H. Poissall Passed Away at His Home in This City Last Night at 11 O'Clock, After a Lingered Illness.

From Friday's Daily.

Last night at 11 o'clock one of the oldest and best known residents of this city and community, George H. Poissall, passed away at his home, after an illness covering a period of several years. Mr. Poissall had resided in Plattsmouth some thirty-seven years and had always resided in the home at the corner of Seventh and Granite streets, where the death of this worthy citizen occurred, and during this period of years he had won for himself many warm friends, who will learn with the most profound grief of his passing to the Great Beyond.

George Henry Poissall first saw the light of day at Etna, Licking county, Ohio, on April 7, 1847, and there he spent his childhood days, and when a mere lad came west, arriving in Iowa at the outbreak of the civil war, and while only 17 years of age, he enlisted as a drummer boy in Company B, Eighteenth Iowa infantry, and participated in some of the great battles of the civil war. He came to Nebraska late in 1863, locating at what was then Forest City, in Sarpy county, where he secured a saw mill and for a number of years he conducted this line of business with much success. He was married at Forest City on June 9, 1875, to Miss Jennie Knight, and the young people resided there for a short time after their marriage, until 1877, when they came to Plattsmouth to make their home, and resided here since that time, and the death of the wife five years ago was a shock that greatly affected Mr. Poissall, and since that time he gradually failed in health, and the past three years he had been suffering greatly and gradually grew worse until his death last evening. The cause of his death was an affliction of the liver.

Mr. Poissall, since locating in this city has been engaged in the contracting business and also conducted a retail ice business here for a number of years most successfully and took a very active part in the business and political life of the city and was for quite a number of years chief of police and street commissioner of the city, and in the discharge of these duties done credit to the city as well as to himself and was a man who earned respect for himself by his enforcement of the law and looking after the interests of the taxpayers. He was a prominent member of the G. A. R. of this city and at the time of his death was chaplain of the order. He was also a member of the Royal Arcanum.

Surviving the passing of this worthy man are the following children: Mrs. Emma Chandler, Lincoln; George H. Poissall, Jr., and Harry Poissall, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Blanche Dameron, Lincoln; Mrs. Mable Bardwell, Bloomington, Illinois; Mrs. Myrtle Herold, Plattsmouth; Charles Poissall, Plattsmouth. One son, Richard passed away here three years ago. Three sisters are also left to mourn the loss of the brother, Mrs. Essie Welsh of Seward, Mrs. A. Meisel of Omaha, and Mrs. D. T. Sherman of Bonaparte, Iowa. Mrs. Welsh and a niece, Mrs. Amy Price, were present at the home at the time of the death.

The death of Mr. Poissall removes from the life of the community a man who while perhaps not as polished in his actions as some, was as true as gold in his dealings with his fellow men and his friendship was a thing to prize, as there was nothing too great for him to do for his friends, and to the weak and af-

licted he was tender and rendered to all the utmost assistance in their hour of affliction and sorrow. The years to come will enrich the memory of this kindly man with those who knew him best, and now that he has been called away his worth will be appreciated to the fullest. To the sorrowing children the deepest sympathy of the entire community will go out in their loss of a loving and indulgent father, as Mr. Poissall had no greater ideal of happiness than to be at home surrounded by his family, and it was one of his last happy thoughts that he was able to gather around his bedside those children whom he had loved so well.

GEO. H. POISSALL LAID AT REST YESTERDAY

A Large Number of Sympathetic Friends and Neighbors in Attendance.

The funeral of the late George H. Poissall was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from the home where for the past thirty years he has made his residence, and the house, as well as the grounds, were filled with a large number of the old friends and neighbors, called to pay their last tokens of love and respect to the friend who was about to be laid to his last long sleep. The services were in charge of Rev. W. L. Austin of Geneva, Neb., an old friend of the family, who had preached the funeral services of the wife and son of Mr. Poissall, and it was his request that this gentleman deliver the sermon at the funeral. The sermon delivered by Rev. Austin was a very powerful one and filled with many thoughts of comfort and cheer to the sorrowing family left behind, and to the friends of the departed comrade and friend. During the service three of the old and well-loved hymns were sung by the quartet, which during his lifetime the departed one had loved to hear. The floral offerings were lavish and beautiful and embraced several large floral designs from different organizations, and a wealth of blooms from the different old friends, attesting by these beautiful remembrances their grief at his departure from their midst.

At the grave the Grand Army of the Republic held their ritual over the casket, as it was laid away until the end of time. The ladies of the W. R. C. had charge of the decorating of the grave and the placing of the floral remembrances on the last resting place of their friend. One of the sisters of the late Mr. Poissall, Mrs. D. T. Sherman, of Bonaparte, Iowa, who had returned home a short time before his death, was so ill at her home that she was unable to be here for the funeral.

John Kopp Able to Be Out.

This morning John Kopp made his appearance on the streets for the first time since the accident a month ago that resulted in the breaking of his left leg just above the ankle by having a large axel fall on it while he was engaged in his work at the Burlington shops. Mr. Kopp is still unable to use the limb and will be for some time, but is able to be out with the aid of crutches, and even this is a great pleasure to him after his confinement to the house. His friends were delighted to see him again able to be up and around.

Y. P. S. C. E. Convention.

The Third District Union of Y. P. S. C. E., comprising Cass, Otoe and Lancaster counties, will be entertained by Nebraska City, May 7-10. A large delegation is expected and arrangements for entertainment on the Harvard plan are being made. Societies are requested to send the number and names of delegates as early as possible.

MOST SUCCESSFUL MAY DAY ENTERTAINMENT

The Scene at the Windham Home, Where the House and Lawn Were Beautifully Decorated for the Event.

From Saturday's Daily.

Last evening the Epworth League gave one of the most delightful social events in the history of the city, it being in the nature of a May day party, and it was in every way a most delightful event. The scene of the delightful gathering was the beautiful home of Hon. R. B. Windham on North Sixth street, and the home and lawn were decorated and arranged in a very beautiful manner for the occasion.

Throughout the lawn strings of electric lights, and Chinese lanterns shed a soft glow over the scene and made the setting of the May day play most charming one. On the lawn a throne had been arranged for the queen of the May, and from the throne to the house the way was carpeted for the passage of the royal party on their way to the coronation. The grand march, played by Mrs. A. T. Eggenberger, who was stationed at the piano in the parlor of the home, announced the starting of the queen and her party from the house to the throne, and the fairy singers, Jennie Windham, Edith Yelick, Florence Yelick, Helen Wescott, Mamie Vejvoda and Clarice Cunningham, came in advance of the party and were followed by the court ladies, Misses Elizabeth Reeson, Marion Mauzy, Gladys Hall, Marie Evers, Margie Christinger, Pauline Long, Freda Sattler, Fern Noble, Anna Vlyoda, Clara Rainey. After the passage of the fancies and court ladies the queen's attendants, Misses Edna Morrison, Lillian Adams, Ola Kaffenberger and May Glenn, and Messrs. Arthur White, Guy Crook, Paul Handley and Floyd Stone, passed on the way to the seat of royalty. The arrival of the queen on the scene was announced by the heralds, Master Edgar Wescott and little Miss Jeanette Windham, and the court crier, Jennings Seivers, who proclaimed that the fair lady of the spring approached and that the executioners of the court being present all should join in shouting, "Long live the queen," or death would be the penalty. The queen, Miss Bertha Jackson, attired in a lovely costume of white, with flowing veil, then came on the scene, and her appearance was the occasion for loud and hearty acclaim of "Long live the queen." The court crier proclaimed silence and announced that her majesty was about to speak, and in a few words she welcomed the guests and court and proceeded to the throne, followed by the pages, Earl Cassidy and Carl Engle, and the cardinal, Elmer Frans, and the crown bearer, little Helen Beeson, while the emblem of authority, the scepter, was borne by Milton Dru-liner. On reaching the throne the queen was crowned and the guests were appraised by the crier that a program would be given and that if the performance did not satisfy the court and queen they would be dealt with by the executioners, James Rishel and Frank Barcus, and there was some hairbreadth escapes by the different performers when their arrest was ordered, and one young man was captured only after a wild chase.

The program was one of the best that has been heard here for some time and much enjoyed by the company and all entered into the fun of the occasion when the executioners sought to place them under arrest. Vocal solos were given by Mrs. E. H. Wescott, Ralph Marshall, Clara Mae Morgan, Miss Gladys Hall and Ben Windham, which were much ap-

preciated, as was also the folk song and drill carried out by the court ladies. Two numbers on the program that were also greatly pleasing to the auditors was the quartet selection by Misses Leona Brady, Ellen Windham and Mesdames W. G. Brooks and A. O. Eggenberger, and the instrumental duet by Rev. Dru-liner and son, Tracy.

Following the program the company was served with light refreshments, which brought to a close an evening of the rarest pleasure. The Leaguers feel deeply grateful to Misses Ellen Windham and Hazel Tney, who arranged the affair, for the great success achieved, and to the talented musicians who appeared on the program.

THE EIGHT MILE GROVE GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Church Enjoy an Afternoon of Pleasure.

From Saturday's Daily.

A great many of the members and friends of the Ladies' Aid society of the German Lutheran church of Eight Mile Grove gathered in the parsonage last Thursday afternoon to hold their annual meeting. The officers, who have filled their positions in the society in a very able manner during the past year, gave their reports, which showed that the work is progressing in nice shape. During the last year the Tabitha orphanage and the Martin Luther seminary, both institutions located at Lincoln, were liberally supported by this society. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. F. J. Hennings; secretary, Clara Rainey; treasurer, Mrs. Henry Horn. Mesdames Jacob Hild, L. H. Puls and Ed Gausemer were placed on the standing committee for the year. After the election of officers several new members were received into the society and the business session of the society closed by the pastor of the church in prayer.

The ladies then proceeded to spend several hours in delightful social conversation, and all had a most delightful time. At an appropriate hour delicious refreshments were served and the time passed very rapidly. Although Rev. Huebner is a single man, all agreed that his home is as nice and comfortable as anybody's in the community. The place is going to be improved this spring by cement sidewalks for church and parsonage, which the "Frauenverein" pays for, using for that purpose the surplus funds of the past year. The society, which is conducted in a most able and excellent way by Mrs. F. J. Hennings, who has been the president of the society since its organization five years ago, is quite a factor in the church work and a source of inspiration, pleasure and help, both to the pastor and the church.

Beautiful Shetland Ponies

for sale at all times, for the next 100 years, unless I die in the meantime. I have now an extra fine stallion, the best in the state, for sale. Well broke for both harness and saddle.

Wm. Gilmour, Plattsmouth, Neb. R. F. D. No. 1.

W. F. Gillespie of Myard was in the city Saturday for a few hours shaking hands with his host of friends and looking after some matters of business.

Mrs. Thomas Kelly of Omaha, who has been here for a few days visiting at the P. L. Peterson home, departed this morning on the early Burlington train for her home. Miss Hilda Peterson accompanied her to the metropolis for a short visit.

OBSERVE DECORATION DAY IN BECOMING MANNER

Commercial Club to Arrange for a Proper Tribute to Veterans Living and Dead.

The movement for the general observation of Decoration Day in this city is meeting with great favor here and the public is taking hold of the matter in a way that seems to indicate that this day, dedicated to the nation's heroic dead, will be observed in all the spirit of reverence and respect that characterized it in the past. The schools of the city are being interested in the matter and the scholars will do their utmost in the observation of the day in assisting in the exercises and the securing of flowers for use on this day. The old soldiers are deservingly of all that a grateful people can do for them, and it is little enough that on this day the nation pay tribute to the men who braved death on the battlefield for the republic, as well as the brave warriors who followed the lost cause on many a southern battle-field, and the citizens of Plattsmouth should give a proper demonstration of their respect by gathering at a public place and take a lesson in patriotism from the lives of these soldiers of the Grand Army. The Commercial club of the city will take up the matter at their meeting this month and will lend their assistance to the effort that is being made to make this day one of grateful memory.

CELEBRATES 14TH ANNIVERSARY OF MISS FLORENCE SWOBODA

From Saturday's Daily.

Last evening the friends of Miss Florence Swoboda decided to join together in assisting her in celebrating her fourteenth birthday in the proper manner, and accordingly they proceeded to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Swoboda and surprised their young friend most completely. The guest of honor was unaware of the surprise prepared and was greatly taken back when the crowd of young folks invaded her home. The evening was spent very pleasantly in music, as well as social conversation and games, and at an appropriate hour a very tempting three-course luncheon was served to the jolly crowd, which added greatly to the pleasures of the occasion, and it was a late hour when the guests departed for their homes, wishing Miss Florence many happy returns of the day. The Swoboda home was very prettily decorated in the season's flowers for the occasion. Those who were present were: Misses Helen Donat, Helen Ptack, Rose Wooser, Lilla Rodcka, Papline Semetana, Josie Sedlock, Hermie Gradoville, Agnes Holly, Katherine Kubove, Agnes Cechel, Mattie Sedlock, Mary Krejci, Sophia Welsh, Pauline Swoboda, Florence Swoboda, Messrs. Frank Patacek, Frank Vonnocie, Fred Raceck, Joseph Novotny, Edward Donat, Anton Wooster, Frank Wooster, Frank Krejci, Joseph Semetana, Joseph Sedlock, Edward Gradoville, Louis Swoboda.

Butter Fat Wanted.

The undersigned manager of the Lincoln Pure Butter Co., at this station, is paying the highest price for butter fat, as determined by the government Babcock test. We are also paying the highest market price at all times for all kinds of produce and poultry. Call and see me before disposing of your produce.

Fred Dawson, Lincoln Pure Butter Co., Plattsmouth, Neb.