

ELK'S BEAUTIFUL HOME IS THROWN OPEN TO VISITORS

Visitors Entertained in Most Hospitable Manner and Excellent Program Rendered.

From Saturday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon for the first time the doors of the beautiful home of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 739, were opened to the public of the city for an inspection of the handsome building that is to house the members of the order in the future. While the lodge has not received near all the furniture that will be used in the building, they felt that the date made several weeks ago as the opening day should be kept, and the opening day far surpassed the expectations of the committees in charge of the event in point of numbers that were present, as well as the beautiful appearance after the furniture that had arrived had been placed in the building.

This is undoubtedly the handsomest structure of its kind in the city and there are few lodges that can boast of a more beautiful structure than that of the lodge here, and the members of the order can feel proud of the splendid undertaking that they have now consummated in the few months since the proposition of the new home was launched by a few five wires of the lodge and which was eagerly taken up and put through by the united efforts of the members of the order.

Yesterday, in honor of the event of the opening, as well as the patriotic and uplifting purposes of the B. P. O. E., a great American flag was suspended from the second floor of the beautiful porch that ornaments the front of the building, and this large flag, waving its message, was appreciated to the fullest extent, as it was a gift from J. H. Kuhns, one of the five wires of the order, to the Plattsmouth lodge.

The members of the lodge had prepared to give the public a genuine royal entertainment in the manner that is so characteristic of the Elks, and this they succeeded in most admirably, and of the several hundred persons who passed through the building from the hours of 2 to 7 p. m., all were most heartily in their praise of the royal manner in which they had been treated by their hosts of the Plattsmouth Elks. On entering the club house the guests were greeted by a committee from the lodge, which took charge of them and escorted them through the different rooms of the building.

The lighting system of the building is one of the most complete and the building committee has selected lights that are certainly of the latest pattern and that harmonize well with the beautifully decorated rooms. On entering the reading room at the south of the entrance hall one is struck by the beautiful manner in which every detail of the room has been arranged and there has been nothing overlooked that would go to add to the comfort of the club member. Writing tables are placed in one corner of the room, which is separated from the main reading room by an arrangement of paneling in dark mission wood that makes a partition some five feet high between the two sections of the room and gives the brothers who desire to write an opportunity to do so in quiet and without being disturbed. In the main reading room a large and handsome library table is laden with the latest offerings from the world's current literature and huge, comfortable leather recliners furnish a most comfortable place in which to enjoy a few minutes in rest and recreation in reading. The light here, as in all the rooms, is furnished by the drop lights which reflect the light back in softened tones on the persons occupying the room.

The billiard and pool room has three fine tables and a fine assortment of cues, which makes these pastimes a most perfect delight to the members who delight in the sport. Large drop lights are suspended over the tables which permits everyone to play with enjoyment and the handsome manner in which the room has been decorated makes it a place that will be one of the most popular in the building.

The card room in the east portion of the building is one of the coziest places in the whole building, and one that will be utilized by the members, as it is cool and comfortable.

The guests, after their inspection of the first floor were taken to the second floor of the building, where, in the dining room, very delicious fruit punch was served by a bevy of charming little maids. From here one was taken into the main hall, where a most delightful musical program was given by the talented musicians of the city, to which the delighted auditors listened for several hours with the greatest of pleasure. The Holly orchestra gave six instrumental numbers that were of the latest and highest standard, and as usual, was most thoroughly enjoyed. Miss Barbara Clement gave her offering on the program "The Kerry Dance" in a very sweet voice that added great beauty to the music, being accompanied on the piano by Miss Dorothy Britt in a finished manner that reflected great credit upon this talented young lady. Miss Mathilde Vallery, one of the favorite vocalists of the city, sang in a charming manner a selection from "The Firefly," "Giacinta Mia," and was forced to respond to an encore, giving "Just a Little Smile From You." Miss Vallery was accompanied by Miss Emma Cummins in her usual pleasing manner. Miss Euphemia Richardson sang in a very delightful manner a most charming number, "Wise Little Love," being assisted by Miss Cummins at the piano. The selection of Miss Catherine Dovey, "Who'll Buy My Lavender?" was one of the most pleasing on the program of the afternoon. Miss Dovey was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. George H. Falter, on the piano.

Mrs. Falter also favored the audience with a very difficult and beautiful number on the piano, "To the Spring," by Greig. Mrs. R. G. Rawls, one of the talented soloists of the city, gave as the closing number on the program, "The Spring Is Here," in her usual charming manner, and won warm approval of the delighted audience. The program was well chosen and the talented artists taking part added greatly toward making the occasion one of the greatest of pleasure to the visitors from the public and the members of the B. P. O. E., who will cherish the occasion of yesterday as one of the most notable in the history of the order in this city.

The day was filled throughout with rejoicing from the members of the lodge over the completion of the new building, which has been long the object of the members to acquire for their own. The lodge was further delighted yesterday when James K. Pollock, exalted ruler, received the following telegram:

Davenport, Ia., June 5.
James K. Pollock, Exalted Ruler:
Fraternal felicitations and congratulations from 430,000 members and 1,315 lodges to the members of Plattsmouth lodge upon the dedication of the new home to the grand principles of Elkdom. Regret I cannot be with you today.
Fred C. Robinson,
Grand Secretary.

At the close of the public reception at 7 o'clock the club house was thoroughly cleaned and placed in readiness for the grand ball that was to signalize the formal opening of the building by the lodge members, and the occasion was one that will long be a pleasant memory to the large number of Elks and their families and guests. The ball was opened at 9 o'clock, as the strains of the Holly orchestra, floated through the ball room, and the delightful pleasures of the dance was opened by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Clement and Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidtman, who led the grand march and were followed through the graceful figures of the dance by some fifty couples. The scene was one of surpassing beauty, with the dark evening costumes of the gentlemen enhanced by the elegant costumes of the ladies and the event was undoubtedly one of the most elaborate that has taken place in the city for years. The program of the ball included the latest dances, such as the tango, hesitation, castle walk and one-step, and the strains of the delightful music was responded to most readily by the delighted dancers.

The large and commodious porch of the building was utilized by the dancers to rest between the different numbers of the program and the gentlemen and ladies found this a most delightful retreat to enjoy the cool breeze during the intermissions. While the dance was in progress

fruit punch was served in the dining room by a number of charming little misses and the tempting refreshment was much enjoyed by the merry dancers.

There were present at the ball many out-of-town guests, including members from South Bend, Indiana, Norfolk, Nebraska City, Weeping Water, Omaha, Junction City, Kansas, and Glenwood, Iowa.

The completion of the building gives to the members of No. 739 a home where they can find perfect enjoyment and the realization of the principals that dominates the B. P. O. E. order throughout the world, and will find great comfort in the beautiful building that is a credit to the city, as well as a monument to the great order erecting it. The building committee of the lodge, consisting of J. P. Falter, Dr. J. S. Livingston and former Postmaster H. A. Schneider, labored long and hard in looking after the erection, and while the last named member of the committee has removed from the city before the completion of the building, he was a hard worker while here for the erection of the building, and these gentlemen, as well as every member of the Plattsmouth lodge, are to be congratulated on the finishing of the great work they had planned.

This evening the Elks will hold a "stag" at the club house and a large number of visiting brothers from out in the state is looked for, as well as a number from the county, who were detained by the rain from attending last evening.

FAREWELL DINNER TO CONSUL KLUITINGER AT THE GERING HOME

From Saturday's Daily.

Last evening a most delightful 6 o'clock family dinner party was given at the Gering home on North Sixth street as a farewell to Consul Leonard Kluitinger and Mr. Peter Wahl, who have been guests at this hospitable home for the past few weeks. The occasion was one thoroughly enjoyed and with the usual delightful hospitality that is characteristic of the Gering home, but the dinner was tinged with regret at the approaching departure of these two gentlemen, who have been making a visit to their relatives in America for some months, and who sail for Germany on the Princess Cecilia, from New York on the 16th. The Holly orchestra was stationed in the parlors of the home and during the dinner rendered several very beautiful selections that were highly enjoyed. This morning the two distinguished visitors, accompanied by Mr. Ernest Pfeiffer of Cedar Falls, Iowa, departed for Cedar Falls, Iowa, for a short visit before returning to New York, where they will take passage for home. H. R. Gering, Matthew Gering and Miss Barbara Gering and Mrs. Henry Herold accompanied the party as far as Omaha on their journey.

HELPERS OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH ENTERTAINED AT THE PICKETT HOME

From Saturday's Daily.

The Helpers of the Christian church held their regular meeting Wednesday afternoon and were delightfully entertained by Messrs. James Pickett and A. G. Hollowell at the home of Mrs. Pickett. There were a large number of the members and their friends in attendance. The usual business session was held, roll-call being responded to with mission subjects. During the afternoon Mesdames Hollowell and C. M. Foster gave some readings and Mrs. Eugene Setz a number of vocal selections, which were greatly enjoyed by those present. At the proper time a dainty two-course luncheon was served by the hostesses, which was likewise thoroughly relished. An hour or so was devoted to social conversation, stitching on dainty fancy work and other amusements, and then the guests dispersed, declaring the hostesses splendid entertainers.

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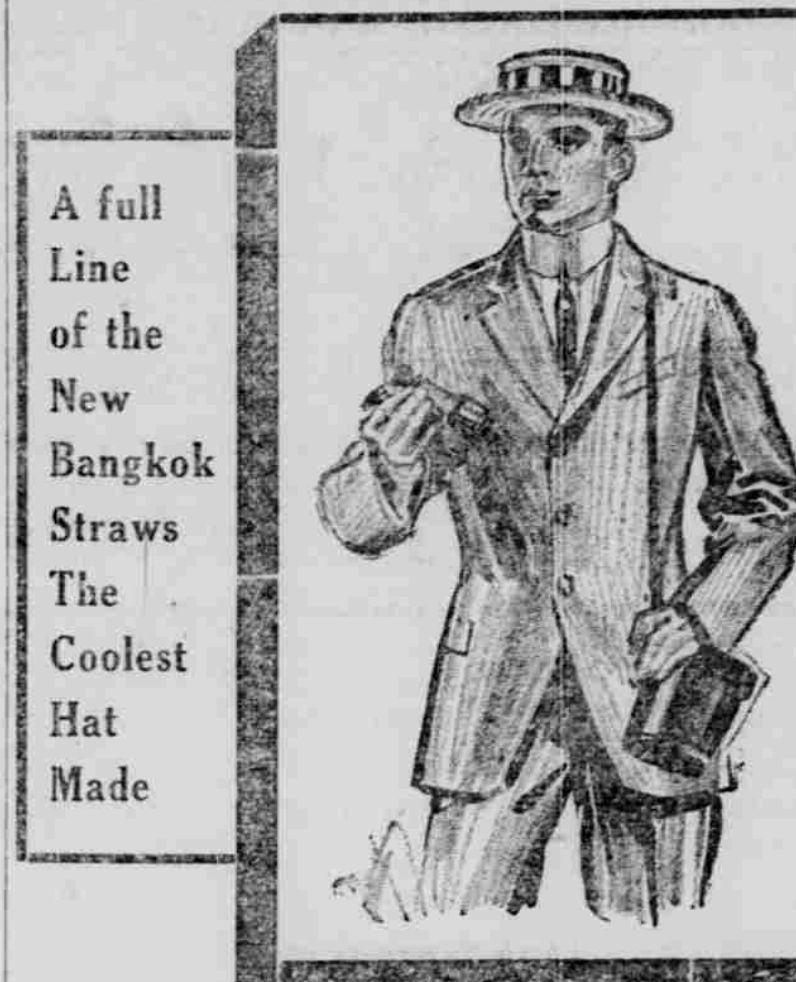
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson Enjoy the Event Sunday, Surrounded By Their Children and Grandchildren.

The family reunion at the home of J. W. Johnson and wife yesterday in honor of the forty-ninth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson was a most enjoyable occasion to the guests of honor, as well as the children gathered under the parental roof. Those who were present were: Jay Johnson and eldest son, of St. Joseph, Mo.; J. E. Johnson and family of Omaha, Frank Johnson and family of Weeping Water, Algie Johnson and family of Lincoln, and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Chapman of Lincoln, Mrs. Chapman was formerly Miss Ruth Johnson.

Special interest was given the affair by the stories of early history of this locality long before the war, Mr. Johnson having landed here March 17, 1857, coming from Leesburg, Ohio, at which place he was born January 19, 1835. Crossing the Missouri river at Rocky Point they found an Indian camp at what is now known as Happy Hollow, where the Indians were living off cattle and horses whose carcasses had been placed there during the winter, having perished in the cold weather—being the coldest winter and deepest snow ever known in this country before or since. The next day, with several of his boy companions, who walked across the state of Iowa with him, they went out in the neighborhood of Eight Mile Grove and took up claims. At about this time Pacific City, just north of Pacific Junction, was being boomed, and Mr. Johnson put in considerable time in that neighborhood. St. Mary's, just a little farther up the river, was also a thriving place, but long since taken by the river. The next spring he took a trip down the river into Kansas, Indian Territory, Arkansas, and back into Missouri, settling just east of what is Kansas City, and at that time called Westport Landing. This takes one to the period just before the civil war, when things were hot throughout Kansas and the border war was practically on. Mr. Johnson found that this was a particularly warm spot for him and especially so when they discovered he was from Ohio—in fact he feels sure he was on the list to have a rough experience, as many a man in that locality who came from the north has never been heard of since. A Dan Carpenter, who seemed to control the local situation, O. K.'d Mr. Johnson's presence with the result that he worked at his trade as a blacksmith for some time without further trouble, but the Nebraska call was too strong and Mr. Johnson returned and made a trip to the Rocky mountains by ox team. At that time buffalo covered the plains by thousands. During all this time there was a "girl on a white horse" who herded cattle in the Missouri bottoms close to St. Mary's whom was on Mr. Johnson's mind, he having seen her when he first landed here, and on returning from the west in 1861 he made further inquiries, with the result that the wedding day was "set" to come off when he should return home from the war. After four long years of the terrible conflict Mr. Johnson returned and started a blacksmith shop where the Burlington passenger station now stands, and on the 8th day of June, 1865, was married to Mary Jane Benton, "the girl on the white horse." Mrs. Johnson was an expert in the art of horseback riding, having taken several prizes in early days.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have lived here continuously, and with the exception of the death of a daughter, Emma, 25 years ago, there has not been a death in the family.

A lot of early interesting history in which these worthy people had a part must of necessity be omitted on account of space, such as the making of the silk flag for the First Nebraska regiment during the war by the ladies of Plattsmouth, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Moses Dodge and Mrs. Burwell were the officers of the organization, and Mrs. O. F. Johnson, who



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owned the only sewing machine in Plattsmouth, made the flag. The presentation was made on Winchester Hill and Captain R. R. Livingston (the late Dr. R. R. Livingston) responded. One of the men of the regiment knelt and took an oath never to surrender the flag.

As Sheriff in 1867 Mr. Johnson had many exciting experiences, as the county at that time was filled with many desperate men and a great many horse thieves. This happy event was also the first time in twenty-five years that all of the children of the family have been at home at one time and the occasion was one enjoyed to the utmost. All will depart for their homes tomorrow and hope to join in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary next year.

FORMER CASS COUNTY BOY TO BE MARRIED IN CALIFORNIA

The following announcement of the engagement of Mr. Glen Pierce of San Bernardino, California, will be of great interest here, as the young man is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Geyer, former residents of this city, and he is well known to a number of the residents here:

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brown of 1518 Pacific street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marie, and Glen Pierce of San Bernardino. No date for the wedding has been set. Mr. Pierce is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Pierce of Fifth street, well known residents, and is a native son of the city. He is an electrician, and both he and the pretty bride-to-be will have the good wishes of very many friends. Miss Brown has lived in San Bernardino for the past several years, having come from Topeka, Kas., with her parents, her father being the well known Santa Fe engineer. Further announcement of the wedding date will be awaited with interest by her friends.

SPLENDID EXHIBITION OF PENMANSHIP ART IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The penmanship and art exhibit of the Plattsmouth public schools, which for the last week has been given in the room in the Hotel Riley block, closed Saturday afternoon, and it was undoubtedly the best that has been given here. The work of the pupils from the second grade to the High school has shown a wonderful improvement since the exhibition last year and the wisdom of the board of education in securing Miss Marie Kaufmann as an instructor in the penmanship course has clearly been proven. The students at the opening of the term furnished specimens of their writing before starting in on the penmanship course, and this shows clearly how much they have progressed during the year. There is nothing in the school that is of more value to the young man or woman than that of penmanship, and the result of their work this year is certainly flattering, but to really appreciate the progress made one should have seen the exhibition.

The art department should also be proud of their showing, as the work of the young people in the different grades is much improved

LITTLE BOY BITTEN ON CHEEK BY DOG

From Friday's Daily.
Last evening Johnnie Lepeck, the little 5-year-old grandson of John Rotter of this city, was bitten by a dog belonging to a neighbor of the Rotters, and the canine inflicted quite a painful wound on the cheek of the little boy, who was hurried by his grandparents to the office of a surgeon, where the injury was dressed, and it is thought there will be no serious results from the attack of the dog. The little boy has been here from his home at South Omaha making a visit with his grandparents, and last evening when his grandfather started for a neighbor's to secure a scythe with which to cut some weeds the boy decided to follow, and accordingly went to the home of the neighbor where there were some little puppies with which he wanted to play, and this provoked the old dog, who sprang on the boy and bit him before anything could be done to prevent it. The little boy is feeling no serious effects from the injury, and as the dog was apparently perfectly free from all signs of the rabies it is not thought there will be any unusual developments.

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