

## THE ELK'S MINSTREL THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH

Arrangements Being Completed for the Grand Event at the Parmele Theater.

### From Tuesday's Daily.

The big entertainment of the year has just been definitely announced for the night of Thursday, April 8th, at the Parmele theater in this city, when the Elks' minstrel will be presented for the approval of the amusement-loving public of the city. The company has been rehearsing for the past several weeks, and now have their production in such shape that it can be definitely stated that it will be one of the best musical and fun-provoking features that has been given in Plattsmouth in many years. The soloists and chorus of the minstrel embraces some of the best voices in the city and the selection of the songs for use in the show are such as to insure its success in every way. Popular hits right off the bat will be used in the opening part of the minstrel, and in the hands of the capable members of the cast can be depended upon to be well worth hearing by those who love good high-class music.

The fun and jokes, which will be the sparkling features of the show, are the real dope and prepared with a view of making the event one that will be the biggest and funniest of its kind ever shown in this city.

The fact that the attraction is to be composed of all home folks makes it far more pleasing to the public, as the jokes can be fully appreciated and it can be depended on that they are full of snap and vim. The production has been under the direction of L. D. Hiatt of Murray, and with his cleverness and experience to aid the boys they have developed into real first-class minstrel men.

The musical numbers will be strengthened by the fact that a seven-piece orchestra will be used in the accompaniment, composed of the Holly orchestra, together with several talented musicians from Greenwood, who will carry out most successfully the rendition of the musical score.

For the second part several very catchy and pleasing specialties have been arranged for, including dancing and singing acts, and single and double turns, which cannot fail but to please even the most exacting theater-goer.

The prices for the minstrel will be 50 cents for the entire house with the exception of the gallery, where the price will be 25 cents.

## HEIRS OF WM. JACOB VALLEY SUE FOR RECOVERY OF INSURANCE CLAIMED

### From Wednesday's Daily.

Yesterday there was filed in the district court a suit entitled Nellie Foote and Lula Finley vs. the National Fidelity and Casualty company, in which the plaintiffs ask that judgment in the sum of \$1,250, with interest at 7 per cent from December, 1913, be given them, covering a policy issued for accident insurance to Jacob William Valley, father of the plaintiffs. The petition of the plaintiffs further states that Jacob William Valley received on March 22, 1910, a policy numbered 30017 to replace one numbered 1669, which was carried by Mr. Valley with the defendant company, and such policy provided for accidental death that the sum of \$1,250 should be paid to the heirs named in the policy, who are plaintiffs in this case. On the night of December 27, 1913, Mr. Valley, while en route home, the petition states, slipped and fell and died in a short time from the effects of the fall, and as the amount of the policy has not been paid the plaintiffs pray that judgment in this sum be given them.

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### Enjoying Their Trip West.

#### From Tuesday's Daily.

A letter has been received in this city from Mrs. Marvella Howland King, announcing that herself and Mr. King and little daughter had arrived in Los Angeles and were very much pleased with their trip, and look forward with much pleasure to their summer's stay in the California city. They have secured apartments in the same neighborhood as that of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wescott and have enjoyed a very pleasant visit with them.

## HOW A FILTHY TRAMP GOT CLEANED UP AT ANOTHER'S EXPENSE

### From Tuesday's Daily.

Several days ago there was a caller at one of the offices in the court house whose appearance betokened the fact that he was a stranger to soap and water and whose unkempt beard was filled with large fragments of earth and other foreign particles, including "chawin," and this moved the tender heart of one of the gentlemanly officials to such an extent that he offered to stand the expense if the wearer of the "alfalfa" would consent to parting with some of the dirt and a few of the whiskers. This was agreed to and the man was sent to one of the barber shops, where he announced his mission, and the scene for the struggle was laid. After the man had been properly prepared with Bon Ami, Gold Dust and other toilet preparations to make dirt fly, the beard was trimmed and the man went forth so completely changed as to be unrecognizable by even those familiar with him. Yesterday, as per request, the bill was presented to the gentleman sending in the order, and his surprise may be imagined when he saw a bill for some \$4.50, including one for \$4.09 for harrowing and fumigating the whiskers before the cutting of the first crop was commenced. However, he felt better when he saw a reduction for cash that brought it down to 25 cents.

## PROMISED TO GO OUT AND SEEK EMPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTRY

### From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning a young man of the city, who apparently has a great dislike of manual labor, was gathered up by the police and brought before Judge Archer, who after giving him a severe lecture on the folly of the manner of life he was leading sent him on his way with a warning to secure some means of livelihood or facing a charge of vagrancy and a sojourn to the city bastille. The young man in question has been here several years and in the last few years has done very little, and going to Nebraska City a few weeks since was ordered out of that city, as he was carrying on the same program down there and they promptly ordered him out of town and he came back here, where he has been for the past week. He is physically strong and capable of performing manual labor of any kind without hurting him, but seems rather loath to allow someone else to support him, and has been in rather hard straits since coming back from Nebraska City. He promised the judge and police that he would seek work in the country at once if allowed to go free, and the police will see that he does not conduct himself in the future as he has in the past. This is a very good move and will probably result in doing the young man a great deal of good in the future if he heeds the warning of the court.

### Visits With Old Friends.

#### From Wednesday's Daily.

Mrs. John Nearhood of Blair, Neb., is visiting at the home of the Propst family for a week or ten days. The Nearhood and Propst families were neighbors in Kansas twenty-five years ago, when the Nearhood family removed to Plattsmouth, and when they visit together much pleasure is had in conversation of the old times. Hot winds, grasshoppers, prairie dogs, dry weather and hailstorms are all fresh in their minds. Mr. and Mrs. Nearhood are now enjoying a fine home near Blair in their declining years.

## GOOD ROADS IS THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE

Commercial Clubs Are Anxious to Get the Co-Operation and Good Will of Farmers.

### From Tuesday's Daily.

That is the paramount issue just now, says the Omaha Trade Exhibit. Nebraska and Iowa in this regard, are a little better, but very little, than Kansas, and in Kansas, as one of the trade papers from that state says, business has been almost paralyzed lately because of the mud.

Since the principal industry of our state is agriculture, since the principal wealth comes from that source and since the principal owners and producers of that wealth are the farmers, it is vital to the general prosperity of the state, of these states, that the roads be passable, be open for service at any and all times.

The roads in our states are the veins, the arteries of our circulation. If circulation stops—!

While we are rejoicing right now over the abundance of moisture, over the heavy snow that has been like a blanket to keep the winter wheat in good shape all winter and will supply the moisture for the spring growth we must also consider what that same snow is doing to the roads at present.

If this were a condition that could not be helped, like the weather, it might be endured, but it is not so. The roads can be made independent of the weather and it is important, of the greatest importance right now, that we proceed to do something of a great deal, along this line during the present spring and summer.

The whole industry of a state, every line, suffers because of bad roads. The farmers lose no more than the merchants, the merchants no more than the wholesalers, the wholesalers no more than the manufacturers or other producers, and along with these interests are the bankers, the professional men of all lines, the laboring men, the capitalists, in fact, there is no one, save possibly the mail order houses, who are not hurt by bad roads.

There comes another thought. The mail order houses thrive best with poor roads. They are about the only people who are not concerned at the present situation, when traffic over the country roads is almost at a standstill.

The worst of it is that it is unnecessary and a shame to our progress and prosperity. We have been doing work on the roads in a sort of happy-go-lucky, hap-hazzard way, with more hazzard than hap, and only in the very recent past has there come a real, organized co-ordinate effort to do some real, permanent work in these states of the middle west.

Just now we have a situation that is a horrible example, a real citing of just what poor roads can do for a state where melting snows put practically every means of country transportation save the railroads out of commission.

Farm people cannot get to town. Occasionally, one member can mount a good horse and ride through the mud and get the bare necessities, but all "trading" is stopped. The stores of the inland towns are practically sold out, even at that, because stocks can't be "freighted" in. Traveling salesmen cannot get to them, and could sell nothing if they could, because the stocks are bought and tied up on the way.

Commercial clubs are anxious to get the cooperation, the good will of the farmers. They are working towards community building. It seems to us that the only place to start, the greatest thing to do in all this work, is to consider the roads. Its all very well for a lot of enthusiastic automobile owners to get out with some shovels and cover over a few culverts some nice afternoon, but what is needed is a real system of road work that will keep the entire highway open to traffic the whole year around.

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

### Visits at Hospital.

#### From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday W. B. Rishel was a visitor in Omaha at the Immanuel hospital, where his daughter, Miss Margaret, is recovering from an operation for appendicitis, and he states that she is getting along in fine shape and will soon be able to return home. He also reports that Mrs. Harry Askwith and Mrs. Jennings Seivers, who are also in the hospital there are getting along nicely.

## NOS. 9 AND 10 TO BE RESTORED TO THE BURLINGTON TIME CARD

### From Tuesday's Daily.

Among the changes in running schedules on the Burlington, which it is rumored among the railroad circles, is that No. 9 and No. 10 will be restored to their places on the time card after the first of April. The taking off of No. 10 especially was felt quite keenly by many of the residents west of Lincoln, as well as through Iowa, who were extensive patrons of this train, and it was very convenient for parties from this city who might be in Lincoln and desired to return home, as it reached Plattsmouth at 1:40 and permitted persons in Lincoln much more time before they were compelled to leave. No. 9 has been filled by No. 1, which was placed on the same running time reaching Omaha from the east at 11 p. m.

## C. C. WESCOTT NAMED AS SECRETARY OF NEBRASKA RETAIL CLOTHIERS

### From Wednesday's Daily.

The Retail Clothiers of Nebraska, who met yesterday at the Fontenelle hotel in Omaha, had a splendid session from all reports and were able to form an organization for carrying on the work in the future. This state organization formed yesterday will be affiliated with the national organization, which done a great deal of good in the upbuilding of a community of interest between the clothiers. The meetings were held in the small ball room of the hotel and the attendance was one of the representative clothing men of the state from the different towns. Plattsmouth was represented at the meeting by George H. Falter, of the firm of Falter & Thierolf, and C. C. Wescott, of Wescotts Sons.

The clothiers were entertained at noon at luncheon by the Retailers' association of Omaha, and at dinner in the evening by the wholesalers at the Omaha club. In the selection of officers of the association Plattsmouth was recognized in the selection of C. C. Wescott as secretary-treasurer of the new association. Fred H. Barclay of Pawnee City was selected as president of the association, O. N. Magee of Lincoln was made first vice president, and R. S. Wilcox of Omaha second vice president, and Mr. Wescott as secretary and treasurer. The next meeting was fixed upon as Omaha in February of next year.

## HARVE MANNERS AS A REBUILDER OF WRECKED AGE AUTOMOBILES

### From Tuesday's Daily.

Harve Manners, proprietor of the garage on lower Main street, has shown that he is some expert in the work of rebuilding cars having constructed a new auto truck out of what was a mass of scrap iron and junk. He purchased the wreckage of the car of John Wehrlein, which was destroyed in the garage of Mr. Wehrlein that burned at his farm west of this city last May, and paid the sum of \$25 for the wreckage. He then started in and straightened out the parts which were in bad shape as the result of the fire, and fixing them up secured some new pieces to replace those which had been absolutely destroyed, and now has the truck out running around, and if a person did not know of it, it would seem almost impossible.

## MISS AGNES KNOFICEK TO BE HEARD IN PLATTSMOUTH

A Recital That Will Give Our Citizens an Opportunity of a Lifetime to Enjoy It.

### From Wednesday's Daily.

The lovers of high-class music in this city will be given a rare opportunity to hear a program of the very best at the Parmele theater on Wednesday, April 7th, when Miss Agnes Knoficek of this city will be heard in concert for the first time since her return from abroad.

Miss Knoficek has just returned from Prague, Bohemia, after two years study under Prof. Suchy, the leading violin instructor at the Prague conservatory, under whom she studied privately. Prof. Suchy pronounced her the most talented American he had heard in his musical work and declared that her talent was such as was possessed by few, and especially by one of her years. Other eminent violin instructors and artists in this country, as well as Europe, who have heard Miss Knoficek pronounce her to be one of the finest that it has been their opportunity to hear for years, and this praise comes well deserved, as those who have heard Miss Knoficek play can attest.

She makes her first appearance since her return, with a program of the highest classics, carefully selecting each one to satisfy the critic and please the public, and convincing them that the higher classics are appreciated by the music-lovers. She is assisted by Miss Helen Sedelack of Omaha, who has studied extensively at Berlin and other European cities in the past few years and who is pronounced as one of the finest pianists in the metropolis. Both of these young ladies are artists in their lines and their appearance here will be filled with the greatest of pleasure to those who enjoy a rare musical treat. The Parmele should be filled to hear this talented Plattsmouth lady, whose work in the musical world has won such warm approval from the critics of the old and new worlds.

## B. BULIK, OF CHICAGO, TO HAVE CHARGE A PHYSICAL CULTURE CLASS

### From Wednesday's Daily.

This morning Mr. B. Bulik arrived in this city from Chicago to take up his work here as instructor in physical culture at the T. J. Sokol hall in this city. Mr. Bulik is a young man and well versed in the athletic work that is a feature of this society. He has been acting as an instructor in one of the Turner halls of New York, but decided that he would rather go west and located in Chicago, but learning of the need of an instructor here, got in touch with the local T. J. Sokol society and came on out to look after the physical training of those desiring it. He will start in Monday in forming his classes, and will meet the boys and men desiring to take part in this line of work at the hall on Monday evening, and then the classes will be arranged, while the ladies' and girls' classes will be arranged later. Mr. Bulik will teach fencing, as he is an expert in this line, and will take up all branches of physical culture, both for the men and women. His coming fills a long-felt want and will be very much appreciated by the Sokols, as well as others interested in athletic work.

### 5 1/2 PER CENT FARM LOANS.

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T. H. POLLOCK, Office in Telephone Bldg. Plattsmouth. Real Estate Loans and Insurance.

P. A. Hild, wife and child were in the city yesterday for a few hours looking after some business affairs with the merchants, as well as to visit with relatives and friends.

### Rain Adds to Varied Weather.

For the first time this season a real rain storm visited the city last evening and added to the large amount of varied weather that has visited this city in the past few months. The rain, however, looks as though the spring season might not be far distant and this is surely pleasant news to the residents of the city. The rain ceased early this morning and it has become much colder, with a fresh and biting wind from the north to make it very fresh in getting around.

## MORE ABOUT THE BAD ROADS NEAR PLATTSMOUTH

As Soon as the Weather Settles the Work of Repairing Them Should Be Commenced.

The approach of spring brings with it the thought of what is going to be done in regard to the improving of the roads and streets of the city and county. As soon as there is any settled condition of the weather there should be a concerted effort made to try and secure the dragging of the roads to get them in as good shape as possible to stand the spring rains and to insure that they will be in fit condition for travel.

Reports from the farmers coming to this city indicate that the roads throughout the county are in very bad shape and need the attention of the road overseers and the residents of the districts through which the roads pass, and they should try and get into the game as early as possible and see that everything possible is done to make the traveling as easy as possible. In a great many sections of the county and in many neighborhoods the farmers have in the past shown themselves loyal believers in good roads by getting busy with the old road drag and putting the roads in the best possible shape for traveling, and this spring, with the great amount of moisture the necessity for getting the roads into shape will be handicapped somewhat, but wherever possible there should be steps taken as soon as the weather permits to get busy on the proposition.

One of the roads that will need a great deal of attention will be that of the automobile road north of this city, which will be greatly affected by the wet weather and which will require a great deal of work to keep it in shape so that travelers from the metropolis to this city may go over the road without injury to their machines. The peculiar soil formation along the river bottom has proven quite a stumbling block to the road in the past and it seems that it must be graded up to quite a height to insure it being in shape for travel during the rainy seasons, and this matter should be looked after as soon as possible. The roads leading into the city from the south should also receive the attention of the good roads boosters and be fixed up in proper shape.

## MARVIN ROOT IMPROVING VERY NICELY AT PRESENT

Marvin Root of Omaha, notice of whose serious illness appeared in this paper several days ago, is reported as getting along as well as could be expected from his very serious condition, and there is but little change in his general condition, although the temporary paralysis of the lower limbs seem to be yielding to the massage treatment given him. The young man has suffered greatly and his friends in this city have been very apprehensive for his recovery, but as he has stood the strain of his suffering in such splendid shape they feel that perhaps he may be able to recover, and it is certainly to be hoped that he will. The case is a very serious one and the friends of the Root family here will anxiously await a favorable word that Marvin is showing improvement.

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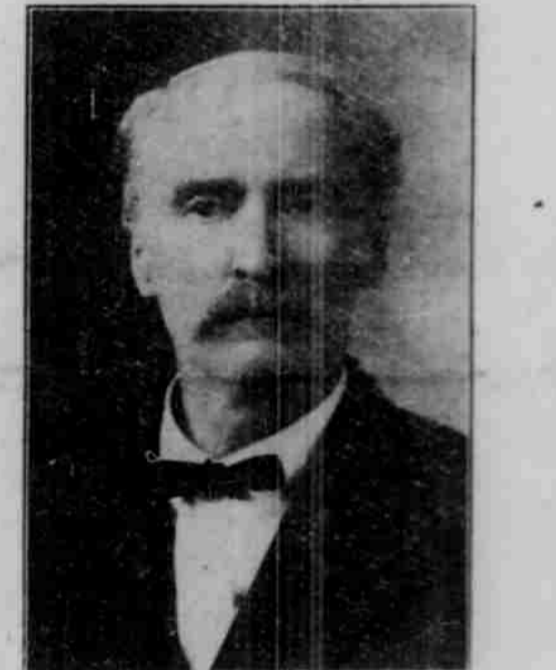
## FORMER PLATTSMOUTH CITIZEN DIES IN KANSAS

Death Closes His Long, Honest and Able Business Career—Former Resident of Plattsmouth.

A large number of his many friends gathered at the family home yesterday afternoon to pay respect to the memory of Charles H. Pinkham. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. F. S. Blayne, who paid a fine tribute to the departed and spoke words of consolation to the bereaved. Many floral offerings testified to respect and esteem.

Charles Hubert Pinkham was born at Port Huron, Mich., March 17, 1843. He resided at Peoria, Ill., from 1866 to 1870, and in 1867 was married to Luella White of that city, who died in 1872. One son survives this marriage, Charles, a merchant of Holly, Colorado.

The deceased resided in Nebraska from 1870 to 1889, practically all of which time he was engaged in the merchandise business. In 1874 he was married to Helen Cooley, who still



survives. Two sons, James, a merchant at Hartman, Colo.; Frank, a partner in the business in this city, and a daughter, Mrs. Chas. Holzworth, of El Paso, Texas, survive his second marriage. All of the children were with him in his last hours.

Mr. Pinkham came to Abilene and established himself in the dry goods business in 1889, and has been uniformly successful. He had prospered while in business in Nebraska, but the floods practically wiped out the accumulations of years. He began to rebuild in Abilene on an investment of little else than courage, rugged honesty and credit based on a clean business record; but these solid virtues made his business a success from the start and his business met with a steady growth and his dry goods establishment in this city has become one of the best in this part of the state.

Mr. Pinkham was an unassuming, modest man, and while he never imposed his ideas upon others he was a person of well defined and fixed principles. He reserved the right to do his own thinking and, without regard to difference of opinion, he admired other men who did the same.

It took time to know Mr. Pinkham intimately, but he was much admired by those who knew him best. He dealt in especial kindness with those around him and in his business organization, as well as in the home, there existed a loyalty, which is seldom equaled. His life was rich in kindly and charitable acts which he himself never mentioned and which were known to but few, and the need of money did not cause him to hesitate if he believed the cause worthy.

In life Mr. Pinkham was a success; in departing he leaves a monument to courage, honesty, kindness.—Abilene Daily Chronicle.

The late Mr. Pinkham was in business at South 3rd, Louisville and Plattsmouth, from 1870 to 1895, and was well known by the pioneer residents of Cass county. Mrs. George E. Sayles of Cedar Creek is a sister-in-law and George R. Sayles of this city a nephew of the deceased.

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