

THE ELKS' MINSTREL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

The Theater Crowded to Its Utmost Capacity, and All Parts Were Rendered in Fine Style.

From Friday's Daily.

The event long looked forward to by the people of Plattsmouth has passed by, and the success scored by the Elks' minstrel was all that the most optimistic could possibly have hoped for under any circumstances, and both in the large audience present and the splendid work of the performers the production was a success. There was only standing room in the theater when the curtain was rung up on the opening part of the performance.

The musical first part included in its list of soloists and members of the chorus some of the best voices in the city and the songs selected were certainly right up to the minute and were given in a most pleasing manner by the gentlemen in the circle. In the musical first part the greatest hits of the production were undoubtedly scored by Mr. Bert Knorr, who gave as his number, "Wrap Me in a Bundle," one of the late popular hits, and Sam Windham, who was the soloist in the beautiful Hawaiian song, "Aloha Oe," and the sweet, clear voice of the soloist made the song more pleasing than usual. In their numbers the young men were assisted by the chorus, and in the farewell song a sextet composed of Messrs. T. H. Pollock, B. A. McElwain, Ben Windham, Mr. Howe, Frank Marshall and Bert Knorr, aided in making it a great success. Another of the successes scored in the minstrel was by Percy Field in his rendition of "He's a Rag Picker," and this was fully equalled by "At the Garbage Gentleman's Ball," given by O. Sandin.

The feast of melody and mirth was presided over by James K. Pollock as the interlocutor, and his work in this role could not be beat, and with four clever end men, Messrs. Percy Field, Claude Smith, G. E. Weideman and O. Sandin, to carry on the running fire of catchy remarks on the different persons around town, were certainly very clever and there was a constant roar of applause over the efforts of the gentlemen.

Throughout the opening first part was a splendid success and the musical program was assisted by the efforts of an excellent orchestra composed of Messrs. Bruce Rosencrans, W. R. Holly, R. Avar, Harmon and Engert of Glenwood, E. H. Schulof and Anton Bajek, who were seated in the rear of the circle of vocalists and here rendered a very pleasing accompaniment for the different numbers.

In the olio there were a number of very clever specialties that were of a high class and well worthy of professionals. The Harmony Four, Messrs. Schulhof, Avar, Harmon and Engert, gave several very pleasing numbers in their brass quartet and were heartily cheered for their delightful contribution to the evening's entertainment.

The stunt of Messrs. Bruce Rosencrans and Ben Windham, the jitney boys, gave them the opportunity of introducing a number of very clever take-offs on the business men of the city and the members of the Elks, and their jokes were all original and exceptionally pleasing. They introduced in their act an automobile turn that was very clever, and these two young comedians are to be commended in their offering.

Messrs. Avar and Knorr, in their banjo duet, were very pleasing and furnished several delightful selections and were assisted in their turn by Mr. Howe on the guitar.

Ben Hawkinson furnished one of the most difficult and clever acts in the olio and one which aroused the greatest enthusiasm in his tumbling and slack wire act, which was one of the best that has been seen in this city and was as good as can be found on the vaudeville stage today. In the difficult unicycle act Mr. Hawkinson was right on the job and received a hearty encore for his efforts in this line.

The announcement of Messrs. Frank McCarthy and Percy Field as the men

who made comedy famous was certainly well applied and these gentlemen, in addition to their clever and sparkling comedy, furnished a dancing act that was one of the hits of the performance and the large audience were more than pleased with their efforts in this line.

The closing number on the evening's program was a one-act playlet entitled "A Race for a Million," and was presented by Mr. L. D. Hiatt and company, consisting of Mr. Byron Arries and Misses Nora Rosencrans and Emma Cummins, and the entire company carried out their respective roles in a manner that was worthy of those of long experience on the stage, and Mr. Hiatt is deserving of a great deal of credit for the splendid little playlet afforded the audience.

The success of the minstrel reflects great credit upon those taking part and Mr. Hiatt, who has had charge of the work of directing the minstrel, has certainly brought out the talents of those who were in the cast in the best possible manner.

The minstrel will be repeated this evening at the Parmele for the benefit of those who were not able to attend last evening.

THE QUESTION OF IMPROVING CHICAGO AND WASHINGTON AVENUES

From Friday's Daily.

Now that the election has passed by and the city is settled down to another year of progress, the question of doing something with Chicago and Washington avenues is still before the citizens, and if anything is to be done toward improving these thoroughfares it should be started during the coming season. This is really the most vital question of road and street improvement that lays before the city and should be the first to be taken up. These avenues should be cared for in some manner and the plan that has been mentioned several times before of placing a strip of concrete paving some eighteen feet wide through the center of the streets seems the cheapest and most logical method of starting in on the task of paving these avenues. It will not cause a great outlay to the taxpayers, and with this much of the work started it will be an easy matter to secure the curbing and guttering of them at a later period. Each year there are weeks when these streets are in almost impassable condition, owing to the mud and water, and as long as these two principal entrances to the city are allowed to go in their present shape they will continue to stand as a very poor advertisement of the city. The matter is one of vital importance and the city should get ready and take steps to see that it is looked after.

W. D. JONES ABLE TO SIT UP AT TIMES, WHICH DENOTES MUCH IMPROVEMENT

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday for the first time in several months, our friend, William D. Jones, was able to sit up after his very severe illness, and his improving condition has been quite marked in the last week and now the indications are that he will probably be able in a short time to be up and around, although he is still quite a ways from being entirely well, and his fight against great odds has certainly been remarkable, and his family and friends are very hopeful that his condition will continue to improve. Mr. Jones is one of the old-time residents of this city and his illness has aroused the greatest apprehension among his old-time friends.

Work About Finished.

From Friday's Daily.

The plastering on the ceiling in the lobby of the postoffice has been completed and the work certainly is very well done and Mr. Kinser, who has had charge of it, can feel well pleased with his handiwork. The ceiling is now ready for the painters, and Contract-Gobelman and his force of men will soon be ready to take up the work, and when completed the lobby will look as good as new.

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THE LATE HUMPHREY LEE OLDHAM LAID AT REST

Pioneer Citizen, Highly Respected by His Large Circle of Friends Throughout Cass County.

One by one the old-time residents of the community are called away to

1865 they removed to Pottawattamie county, Iowa, where they located. As soon as the parents were comfortably located in their home there Lee decided to take up the business of freighting across the plains, and several trips were made by him to and from the Missouri river to the great west with supplies for the residents of that part of the country. During one of the trips of Mr. Oldham west his parents removed to Cass county, Nebraska, and settled on a farm southeast of Murraw, where the old homestead, now gray with the storms and sunshine of fifty years, still stands near the Lewiston school and is a spot filled with many fond recollections for the members of the family of the father and mother.



THE LATE HUMPHREY LEE OLDHAM

their last long rest, but as they go they leave with those who tarry, as well as the future generations, an inspiration that will promote them to higher ideals, and such will be the result of the life of our well loved citizen, Humphrey Lee Oldham, who passed away at his home in Murray on Wednesday night, April 7, 1915.

Mr. Oldham was typical of the generation who had assisted in the developing of the great west, and in his last days he could look back over the years gone by with a feeling of the utmost satisfaction, as he had taken a great part in the work of forming the government and assisting in the progress of the community in which for so many long years he was a prominent man and well loved figure. None knew Mr. Oldham that did not esteem him for his many exalted traits of character that endeared him to all with whom he came in touch, and in his passing it is safe to say that the grief of the host of friends was most sincere and heartfelt.

Mr. Oldham came of a sturdy pioneer family and was born at Brunswick, Missouri, on December 7, 1845, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Oldham, were among the early settlers, and in the hard pioneer days of the then young and sparsely settled state of Missouri, the young man was reared and secured his education as good as could be found in the frontier parts of the country at that early day. Living there at the time of the outbreak of the civil war, the Oldham family were given an opportunity of seeing the real bitterness of the struggle, as it being a border state, there were large factions of both northern and southern sympathizers residing there. Near the Oldham home the confederate force under General Sterling Price met and engaged in battle with the northern forces, and a portion of the battlefield was laid on the Oldham farm. Under these stirring scenes the subject of our sketch was reared to manhood, and at the close of the war the parents of Mr. Oldham decided to leave the old home and go to Iowa to make their home, and in

On November 9, 1871, Mr. Oldham was united in marriage with Miss Sarah M. Storey, and located on the place where he had since resided at Murray, although when he and his wife as bride and groom first settled there it was a new farm just opened for cultivation, and later was brought into what is now Murray. As the community progressed Mr. Oldham assisted by his council and assistance in guiding the welfare of his home community and his going will leave a place hard to fill in Murray and vicinity.

The funeral of this grand good man was held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the late home at Murray and a host of friends and relatives were present to pay their last tribute to one who had been so much to them in life. The services were conducted by Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, and the minister spoke to the sorrowing family and friends words of comfort on the taking away of their dearly beloved husband, father, brother and friend, with the promise of a future meeting with their loved one in the realms where the griefs and partings of this earth shall come no more to chill the heart. A choir from the church at Murray sang several of the old well loved hymns which Mr. Oldham had enjoyed so much when living. At the close of the services the cortege wended its way to the cemetery east of Murray, where, amid the scenes he had known and loved during his many years' residence, he was laid to sleep.

To mourn his passing there remains the widow and two daughters, Misses Pauline and Fay Oldham, who reside at home, and three sister and two brothers, Mrs. Cussie Baker, Mrs. Dora Moore, Plattsmouth; Mrs. LaErma Connelly, Requa, California; George Oldham, Plattsmouth, and Richard C. Oldham, Neopolis, California, and a niece, Mrs. H. E. Snyder of Fairfield, Iowa.

Office supplies at the Journal office.

LET'S GET CLOSER TOGETHER—TOWN AND COUNTRY

Farmers Who Believe in Themselves, Who Want a Prosperous Community Should Encourage the Town's Enterprises.

From Saturday's Daily.

Isn't it about time for the people of this community to get a little closer together, and work in a little closer harmony one with the other? A country town and the farming community surrounding it are brothers, and the one cannot succeed without the co-operation and active assistance of the other. A farming section without its adjacent railroad and market facilities would be a back number—a dead one—with little future ahead. Live farmers would shun it—would have nothing to do with it—for live men create a surplus, and they must have an outlet for that which they create. A farm adjacent to some live town and shipping facilities is worth double that of a piece of ground with equal fertility located in some obscure section of the country. The relative values of the products of the two farms would be about the same—the one high, the other low.

Therefore, the farming community is dependent upon the town and its advantages for much of the rural prosperity, for the high value of land, for the ease with which shipments are made. Farmers who believe in themselves, who want a prosperous community, should encourage the town and its industries—should buy from the home dealers, should keep the money in the home community, where it adds to the commercial life of every person. Every dollar a farmer keeps in circulation at home simply adds that much to the riches of his own community, to the value of his own holdings.

The town and the town merchant owe an equal duty to the farmer, for without his co-operation both town and merchant would perish. The town should make the farmer welcome, let him feel that he is among friends, that it is his town, that he has a personal interest in its welfare. The merchant should make it possible for the farmer to buy his goods as cheaply at home as he can from some foreign house, and he should keep this fact constantly before the farmer. He should encourage the farmer by keeping reliable goods and selling them at a reasonable price. Most merchants do this, although the absence of the merchant's advertisement from the local paper keeps the farmer in ignorance of the fact. He should encourage the farmer in all ways, exhibit a brotherly feeling and spirit, and give the farmer to understand that he is interested in his welfare as well as in the contents of his pocketbook.

It has been demonstrated repeatedly here in Plattsmouth that farmers can buy as cheaply from the local dealers as they can from a foreign house. But the foreign dealer floods the farmer with advertising matter, while some local merchants expect to be taken on faith. And the farmer is a wise one—he takes nothing on faith. "Show Me" is his creed. And he goes to the man who advertises—who "shows him." Now, isn't it about time for us all to think a little, to get together, to push this community right up to the front?

Death of Mrs. Beckner.

Mrs. Mary E. Beckner, widow of the late James Beckner, former resident of this vicinity, died March 29 at Wayne, Neb., where she had been taken for treatment. The family resided in this vicinity for about twenty years, and ten years ago moved to Knox county, where Mr. Beckner's death occurred on August 15, 1913. Mrs. Beckner was born in 1858 in West Virginia and was a daughter of Eliza and Jane Adams. She leaves seven sons and three daughters to mourn her death, also two sisters—Mrs. B. F. Hoback and Mrs. John Reynolds.—Union Ledger.

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Minstrels Are Entertained.

From Saturday's Daily. After the close of the minstrel show at the Parmele theater last evening the members of the company, who have scored such a success with the production, were entertained at the Elks' club, where an elaborate seven-course luncheon was served that was very much enjoyed by every one of the jolly party present. The luncheon was both dainty and appetizing and was served in the dining room of the club.

SUFFERS FROM AN INJURY RECEIVED SOME SEVERAL WEEKS AGO

From Saturday's Daily.

Some six weeks ago Peter Claus was at his home walking around the embankment to the north of the house, when the dirt suddenly gave away and he fell some eight feet to the ground, and in order to protect himself threw out his left arm and it was on this member that the chief weight of the fall came, and for a few minutes Mr. Claus suffered very much pain, but the arm did not seem injured in any way and he continued on as usual working at the store and around home and used the arm, thinking it was entire well. Last Tuesday the arm began to pain him quite a good deal and he decided to visit a physician in order to have it treated, and here it was discovered that it had been sprained in a very severe manner and the exertion placed upon it by Mr. Claus had aggravated the injury and caused the arm to become quite sore. The patient has been unable to sleep with any degree of comfort for the past few days, as he suffers the most intense pain with it day and night.

FOUR ROAD OVERSEERS APPOINTED FOR WEST ROCK BLUFFS PRECINCT

From Saturday's Daily.

The county commissioners, at their session this week, took up the matter of the filling of the position of road overseer in road district No. 10, which includes Murray and West Rock Bluffs precinct. There had been a petition presented asking for the appointment of Ben Beckman as road overseer in the district to fill the vacancy, but the board decided to divide the work up and appoint four deputy road overseers to look after the improving of the highways as follows: Glen Perry, northeast corner; Adam Kraeger, northwest corner; Tom Smith, southwest corner; Henry Creamer, southeast corner. These gentlemen will each have charge of a section of the precinct and by this means it is thought that there can be much better results secured.

CASS COUNTY COUPLE MARRIED IN GLENWOOD

From Saturday's Daily.

They came from somewhere in Nebraska on No. 4 Wednesday. All the way up from the depot they slowly wended their way, lovingly holding hands. Ever and anon eyes of love looked love to eyes that spake again. They nursed a secret and a desire to surprise some people. Eventually they presented themselves to the clerk's office and made known their desire for a certain document. At this point the romance received an unlooked for jolt. Strangers coming to Mills county's clerk of courts must bring a friend known to him, who will vouch for the parties to the contract. These two looked the ages claimed, but they were both total strangers. There was no help for them. The law must be obeyed. In Nebraska no such requirement was needed. They thought the law was just the same in Iowa. Two hearts that beat as one departed on No. 3, saddened but wiser.

Later—They (William Oldenberg and Mrs. Dora Rottman, of Avoca, Neb.) returned Saturday morning and were accompanied by the bride's father, who vouched for them, and on receiving the needful paper, went at once to the Baptist parsonage, where Rev. Sneath united them in marriage.—Glenwood Tribune.

PLATTSMOUTH BOASTS NOW OF A NEW ENTERPRISE

Edward Rynott Establishes a Glove Factory, and Will No Doubt Make a Success of It.

Edward Rynott of this city, who by reason of his health has been compelled to abandon his work on the road as a traveling representative of one of the large wholesale houses of Omaha, has established at his home in this city one of the neatest and most up-to-date glove factories that can be found in the small towns of the state. This establishment will look after the manufacture of all kinds of Canton flannel gloves and mittens, which will be supplied to the wholesale trade of this section of the state. The machines which have been secured by Mr. Rynott are of the most improved pattern and all operated with electric motors that allows of very fast work in turning out the gloves, and those which have been turned out by the factory are as good as any that can be found on the market today.

Mr. Rynott has placed the factory in his home as it is more convenient to handle in this manner, and when the trade is established in good shape will secure a location in the business section of the city. The gloves manufactured will be offered to the wholesale trade exclusively and the Plattsmouth dealers will be enabled to handle Plattsmouth-made gloves as good as any of their kind on the market. There is quite a demand for these gloves and mittens at all seasons of the year and Mr. Rynott expects in a short time to be in a position to supply all the demand that may be made on him for these high-class gloves. He has several persons employed now in the manufacture of the gloves and mittens, and as the demand grows will place more at work in turning out the gloves and mittens.

This is certainly an industry that ought to make good here, as it is a good point for the distribution of the products of the factory and the Plattsmouth merchants and citizens should see that they do all in their power to encourage by their patronage this factory and see that its products are placed on the market as rapidly as possible. Those who have visited the work room of the factory are well pleased with the manner in which Mr. Rynott has started out in his industry and all trust that it will grow and expand and become one of the best industries in this section of the state.

THE OLD MISSOURI STILL ON THE BOOM

From Saturday's Daily.

The booming condition of the Missouri river continues at this point, as well as farther north, and as a result of the melting snow and ice near the headwaters of that stream there will probably be more continued high water for some time to come. The river rose some eight feet at Pierre, S. D., yesterday, and this rise, if it is only a few feet, will add materially to the volume of water at this point. The Burlington has in the past few days been engaged in dumping large quantities of rock and brush into the river at Gibson, where the river has been cutting at the rip-rap there quite strongly, and it is still hammering away at the bank, apparently undaunted by the efforts of the railroad to stop its progress, and more material will be expended in an effort to check the stream in its washing. There are many who think that if the water continues high for any length of time that it may force the channel of the river over to the Nebraska side by cutting a channel on this side of the river just above the mouth of the Platte, where it has in the past few years been swung over to the Iowa side.

For Sale.

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