

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' minstrels was all that the most optimistic could possibly have hoped for under any circumstances...

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.

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...

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. Avard, 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, Avard, Harmon and Engert, gave several very pleasing numbers in their brass quartet and were heartily encored 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.

Messrs. Avard 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 Hankinson 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.

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. 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 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



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.

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.

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 Murray, 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.

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.

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.

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.

Minstrels Are Entertained.

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.

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.

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.

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 spoke 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.

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.

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.

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