

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING LAST NIGHT

Same Officers Re-elected, and Considering Disagreeable Weather a Very Respectable Attendance.

From Friday's Daily.

The meeting of the Commercial club was comparatively well attended last evening, despite the bad weather, and a meeting that was full of much discussion and enjoyment, the election of the officers for the ensuing year was held, with the result that all present officers of the club, most of whom have been serving out unexpired terms of the other members, were re-elected to office.

The report of the treasurer for the year showed a surplus of \$135 in the road fund of the committee, and the president pointed out a number of good things which had been accomplished in the past year as a result of the activities of this committee of the club which had been one of the most active during the summer months.

President Wescott stated that the railroad committee of the club were engaged in taking up with the Missouri Pacific officials the question of securing their assistance in the work of paving Washington avenue. The railroad company had indicated to the mayor that they desired to have a spur track laid from the present tracks down near the business portion of the city in order to demand a greater share of the freight business, but the mayor had assured this official that if the avenues were paved that it would go a long way toward making it an easier matter to reach the depot. President Wescott stated to the members of the club, that the big feature for 1916 was going to be the attempt to secure the pavement of Washington avenue from the starting at Seventh and Vine streets to the M. P. depot.

R. B. Windham inquired as to whether or not there had been an effort made to enlist the aid and helpfulness of the farmers of this locality in the club work, as he had understood it had been very successful in other localities in the country where it had been tried and that in some sections almost half the membership of the club came from those who were not residents of the towns and cities themselves. President Wescott stated that the club had made such an effort several times in the past but that it had not been so successful as might be hoped for. Sam Smith's suggestion that the club invite farmers from different sections of the county, in each week to take dinner with the members of the club to stimulate the feeling of good fellowship and interest between the town and the country, and this excellent suggestion will receive the attention of the club in the future.

In the matter of the election of the club the board of directors recommended that the date for the annual election be changed from the third Thursday in December to the third Thursday in January each year, and this recommendation was acted upon and adopted.

Chief of Police Barclay called the attention of the club to the need of rules and regulations for the rest room in the Riley block which was being misused by a great many of the young girls from twelve to fifteen years of age who had the habit of loafing there and making a very poor showing for the room from the uses to which it had been intended by the club, and told of the finding of a large number of rather rank notes and verses which had been written and left in the room and which had caused him a great deal of annoyance and in his attempts to preserve the proper atmosphere among those using the room he had been criticised by a number of parents when it was for the good of the girls themselves that he had looked into the matter and he desired very much to have the club take up the matter of providing rules for the room and those who were in the habit of gathering there. The room was not intended as a loafing place but as a room where the women of the town could stop and rest when down town in the business part of the city and the habit of the young girls gathering there was very demoralizing to the girls themselves. The chief stated

that the boys did not loaf at the room at all.

President Wescott appointed Mr. Barclay as a committee to draft the proper rules which will be used to govern the rest room in the future.

The election of officers was taken up, and on motion, which was carried unanimously, the present officers, consisting of E. H. Wescott, president; C. W. Baylor, vice president; T. H. Pollock, secretary, and R. F. Patterson, treasurer, were elected to guide the destinies of the club. President Wescott stated that he was desirous that someone else be selected as president, as he had served, he thought, the full time that could be asked for, and wanted a rest from the work, but the club refused to accept his declination and he was again honored with the office of president.

Mr. Wescott, in addressing the club, stated that the work of the club was not a job for one or two or three men, but that the whole body of the citizenship was necessary to produce the proper active and live Commercial club and that it was a duty each citizen owed to himself and the community to get out and take an interest in the welfare of the club and the city.

There was considerable discussion indulged in as to the needs of a proper place for amusement and recreation for the boys and young men of the community, which was participated in by Harry Johnson, Fred Dawson, Edward Grybsky and R. B. Windham, in which they expressed themselves in regard to this matter and made clear the fact that there was no place in the city where the young men could meet in the proper surroundings and enjoy each other's society and take part in good, clean athletic exercise. It was finally decided that Fred Dawson look over the situation as to securing a proper place for the holding of the young men's physical exercises and to report at the next meeting of the club.

Chief of Police Barclay reported that there had been a rumor of a great many cases of contagious diseases in the city, but that there were only four reported at the city clerk's office and these had been isolated as much as possible and that the residents of the city were unduly alarmed over the wild-eyed reports that had been peddled around.

After a short discussion of the good roads problem and the possibility of having the Jefferson highway, which is to run from Seattle, Washington, to Atlanta, Georgia, pass through this city, the club agreed to send a live delegation to Omaha when the route for the highway is finally selected, and boost to have it located on the west side of the Missouri river, the club adjourned.

FUNERAL OF UNCLE TOM FRY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

The funeral of the late Theodore T. Fry was held yesterday from the late home in the west part of the city and was attended by a large number of the old friends of the departed, who by their presence showed the deep feeling of respect and esteem in which Mr. Fry had been held in the community. A large number of the old soldiers were present to assist in the services and render their sympathy to the bereaved family. The services were conducted by Rev. C. E. PerLee, pastor of the Christian church, who spoke words of comfort to the grief-stricken family and friends and held out to them the blessed words of consolation of the Master. The services were simple and beautiful and the floral remembrances in their beauty attested the esteem in which Mr. Fry was held by his friends and neighbors. At the close of the funeral services the body was conveyed to Oak Hill cemetery, where his remains were consigned to rest in the family burial lot there.

The Stork Gets Busy.

From Saturday's Daily.

Last evening the stork made a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Elledge on High School Hill and left in their care a fine little daughter, who is, in the opinion of the parents, just about the finest little baby in the land. The mother and little one are both doing nicely.

FORMER CASS COUNTY RESIDENT DIES IN KANSAS

Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Shrader at the Bedside Previous to His Death, and Remain for the Funeral.

From Friday's Daily. Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Shrader were called to Lebanon, Kansas, some two weeks ago by the illness of the brother-in-law of Mrs. Shrader, Leonidas Quinn, and remained there until after the death of this gentleman and have just returned to their home in Mt. Pleasant precinct, after fulfilling their sad mission. Mr. Quinn was for a great many years a resident of this county and well known throughout the central and eastern part of the county. The following is a short sketch of the life of this worthy man:

Leonidas Quinn was born in Preble, Ohio, August 6, 1832, and died near Lebanon, Kansas, January 4, 1916, aged 82 years, 4 months and 10 days. He went with his parents to Davenport, Iowa, when a small boy, where he resided until the outbreak of the civil war, when he enlisted as a private in the First Nebraska volunteer cavalry, being enrolled September 24, 1862, and discharged from the army October 24, 1865, serving under Lieutenant Talbot. After the war he settled near Plattsmouth, Nebraska, where he was married to Margaret Jane Murray on December 29, 1867. They resided in this county for a period of twenty years, moving to Smith county, Kansas, in 1887. Mrs. Quinn preceded her husband to the better world some nine years ago. To this estimable couple five children were born, one of whom died in youth. The remaining children are: Mrs. J. V. Roberts of Garnett, Kansas; Mrs. D. H. McCauley, Mrs. William Barratt and W. L. Quinn of Lebanon, Kansas, who are left to mourn the death of the kind and loving father.

The funeral services were held at the home on Thursday, January 6th, at 10 a. m., Rev. J. H. Hampshire of the United Brethren church officiating. The interment was made in the Corn cemetery, where the body was laid to rest beside that of the wife.

ED. STEINKAMP PLAYING IN VERY HARD LINES

From Saturday's Daily.

Ed. Steinkamp, head of the grocery department at Diers' store, is surely playing in hard luck. Preparations had been made for his marriage on Wednesday of last week to Miss Anna Hopkins of Elmwood. The necessary license was secured from the county judge, but when the day arrived for the culmination of the happy event the groom was confined to his bed at his home near Maye with a severe case of gripe, combined with a gushering in his head which has caused much suffering. A message from the Steinkamp home Tuesday morning elicited the information that Ed is still suffering badly from pain as well as mental agony because of the cruel trick the gods of fate are playing with him. To make bad matters worse the young lady who figures so prominently in the affair, is also in the hands of King LaGrippe at her home at Elmwood. The Courier unites with the many friends of these young people in wishing them a speedy recovery and trusts that their future lives may be more happy because of the disappointments they were forced to undergo at the beginning.—Louisville Courier.

Files for Commissioner.

From Saturday's Daily.

County Assessor W. R. Bryan has decided to again woo the political goddess and will seek the office of county commissioner on the democratic ticket as the opponent of Commissioner Pitz from the First district, and today filed his intention to become a candidate with the county clerk of the county and will be subject to the will of the voters at the April primaries.

THE NEW GROCERY STORE IN PERKINS HOUSE BLOCK

From Friday's Daily.

The new business firm which is to conduct a grocery and general store in the Perkins House block, Messrs. Frank Foreman and Samuel Oleskir, have arrived and are now arranging their stock of goods in their room and getting ready for business. Mr. Foreman is well known to a great many residents of the country districts, as he has been traveling through here for the past few years and is a most enterprising young man. Both of the members of the new firm are bright and alert and among the best known young Hebrew business men in Omaha and are getting ready to start business right in this city. They will have their store known as the "Peoples' Store" and will be ready for business in a few days.

MRS. W. E. ROSENCRANS ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF MRS. ZUCKER

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans entertained most charmingly yesterday afternoon at her home in honor of Mrs. V. Zucker who is soon to leave the city, and the occasion was one of the rarest and most enjoyable to the ladies who were present to enjoy the delightful hospitality of the Rosencrans home and the hours were passed in sewing and delightful social conversation and in visiting with the guest of honor who is soon to be lost to the circle of warm friends and this was the only feature that detracted from the pleasures of the event. The ladies were entertained during the afternoon by a number of most charming instrumental selections by Miss Dorothy Zucker, which were very much enjoyed, while a number of pleasing entertaining features were given which added very much to the delights of the occasion. As the afternoon was drawing to a close the ladies were invited to enjoy a most sumptuous and delicious four-course luncheon which proved one of the most pleasing features of the afternoon, the hostess was assisted in serving and entertaining by Misses Nora and Mary Rosencrans, Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans and Miss Nyna Therioff. The table was most artistically arranged with a floral centerpiece of red carnations and ferns which added to the general handsome appearance of the dining room. Those who were present to enjoy the gracious hospitality afforded them, were: Mrs. V. Zucker, Mrs. M. Fanger of Missouri Valley, Mrs. W. D. Smith, Mrs. George Dodge, Mrs. F. G. Egenberger, Mrs. William Hassler, Mrs. John Bauer, Sr., Mrs. J. E. McDaniel, Mrs. F. R. Guthmann, Mrs. Carl Kunsman, Mrs. Joseph Droeger, Mrs. M. E. Manspeaker and Mrs. R. A. Bates.

MRS. HANS SEIVERS MEETS WITH VERY PAINFUL ACCIDENT

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening Mrs. Hans Seivers met with a very serious and painful accident that will confine her to her home for some time at least. She, in company with her daughter, Mrs. Alma Heldman, had started to visit one of the neighbors and when near the residence of Frank Buttery Mrs. Seivers slipped on the walk and fell in such a manner as to break the bones in her left foot in a very painful manner and was unable to arise from where she had fallen. Mr. Seivers, as well as John McNurlin, a neighbor, were called and hastened to the scene of the accident and carried the injured lady to her home, when medical assistance was summoned and the broken member dressed and made as comfortable as possible. While not dangerous the foot is quite painful and has occasioned a great deal of suffering to the lady.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—7-room house, 2 lots, barn and outbuildings; 3 blocks from Columbian school. Inquire of Homer Shrader. 11-3-tf-d&w

ALVO AUTOMOBILE VICTIMS ARE BURIED TOGETHER

Three Caskets Lowered at the Same Time in Alvo—Joint Funeral at Church.

From Friday's Daily.

The caskets, with the bodies of the three girls, killed in the Alvo auto crash last Sunday, were lowered simultaneously into the graves at the Alvo cemetery Wednesday afternoon after one of the largest funerals ever held in that vicinity.

The two sisters, Belle and Edith Foreman, were buried in one grave. The grave of Alma Godley was only a few feet away.

The funeral services, too, were held at the same hour, one at the Foreman home and the other at the Godley home a quarter of a mile away. After the private services a joint service was held over the three bodies at the Alvo church.

A hundred schoolmates of the girls from University Place attended the obsequies. Classmates acted as pallbearers, and schoolmates formed an escort to the cemetery. Forty-five automobiles took part in the cortege, with as many other vehicles. Three white hearses led the procession.

When the services were half over Clay Foreman, a brother of the two dead girls, arrived at the church, having come from a homestead in Colorado, thirty-five miles from a railroad. While the funeral over his daughters was going on, J. H. Foreman, the father, was lying in a Lincoln hospital with his hip and knee broken.

STRANGER ENDEAVORS TO WORK BOGUS CHECK ON W. SCHMIDTMANN

William Schmidtmann has had a varied experience in the last few days with sneak thieves and grafters of various types and his second experience has just come to light. Friday evening a man giving the name of J. E. Gay called at his harness shop and had been recommended to come there to purchase some much needed supplies and Mr. Schmidtmann proceeded to show him over the store and to assist him in securing his articles. The man without question purchased a set of harness, a fur coat as well as a few stable blankets which totaled a little over \$74. He then wanted to have a check for \$76 cashed but the owner of the store refused to do this and the man then made the check for \$74.25, the amount of his purchase and Mr. Schmidtmann requested him to leave the goods until the matter of whether the check was good or not could be determined. This was settled by the stranger agreeing to call today for the purchases and leaving the check. The check was sent into the Bank of Cass County and by them sent to the State Bank of Omaha in which it had been drawn and this morning bright and early came back with the statement that while Mr. Gay had been a patron of the Omaha State Bank his account there was closed and the check was worthless. However, as the case is, Mr. Schmidtmann is not out anything as he still has the goods in the store and will be more suspicious than ever of the strangers who may visit his place of business. The man was accompanied by a lady whom he introduced as his wife to Mr. Schmidtmann and she displayed his bank book as well as check stubs to Mr. Schmidtmann to demonstrate that his check was good on the State Bank of Omaha but it does not seem to have been very good evidence as his account there had been closed. However, Mr. Schmidtmann can congratulate himself on his two narrow escapes from losing valuable property.

District Court Thursday.

District Judge Begley has notified the clerk of the district court that he will be here on Thursday, January 27, to hold court, and the case of W. B. Banning, administrator, vs. Mrs. Nancy J. Garrison, will be brought to trial.

ANDY THOMSEN OF CEDAR CREEK IS A HAPPY MAN

From Friday's Daily.

About the happiest man in Cass county today is without doubt Andy Thomsen of Cedar Creek, and our genial friend has a mighty good cause for feeling that he is about the luckiest man in this part of the state, as the stork paid a visit to his home last evening and left a fine little son and heir, who is just about as fine a little lad as could delight the heart of any proud father and happy mother. Both the mother and little one are doing nicely and the friends of the family throughout this section of the county will join in wishing the young man a long and happy life and that he may be a joy and comfort to his parents in their old age.

MISS HELEN CLARK, A FORMER PLATTS-MOUTH GIRL, MARRIED

The Plattsmouth friends of Miss Helen Clark, daughter of Byron Clark, solicitor of the Burlington, will be greatly surprised to learn of her marriage yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, at Lincoln, to Mr. H. E. Kuppingger. The wedding ceremony was celebrated at the home of Prof. and Mrs. G. H. Chaburn, 2850 P street, in the capital city, Rev. F. L. Wharton officiating. Following the wedding at the home the bridal party were entertained at dinner at the Lindell hotel, as well as the immediate relatives. Sunday afternoon the couple left for Francitas, Texas, where the groom will assume the management of a 1,000-acre farm owned by the bride's father. Mr. Kuppingger has been a student at the law college of the Nebraska university for several years. Mrs. Kuppingger is a Plattsmouth girl, as her younger days were passed here, and she possesses a host of warm friends who will wish for the young people all the happiness they so well deserve. Since graduating from Rockford college, Rockford, Illinois, Mrs. Kuppingger has been taking graduate work at the Nebraska university. The marriage was a great surprise to the friends of the young people in the capital city, where they are both very popular in university society.

JUDGE ARCHER'S COURT VERY BUSY THIS MORNING

This morning was one of the liveliest times for some weeks in the court of Judge M. Archer and among those who were present as the leading figures of the occasion were A. H. Rinker, Roy Rinker and Jesse York, who had been engaged in a general mix-up at the dance Saturday evening, when in seeking admission, they had been refused and had then started in to try and clean out the men who had objected to their entrance into the ball. Their appearance tells the story of the affair very clearly as they were greatly damaged in the attempt to force their presence on the dancers, and to the charge of being drunk and fighting they entered a plea of guilty and were given a fine of \$5 and costs, each amounting to \$8 and the Judge stated that in failure to pay the same they would be compelled to work out the fine on the streets or enjoy a repast of bread and water and they were returned to jail to await their efforts to secure the payment of the fine and costs.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the many neighbors and friends for their kindness and beautiful floral remembrances at the loss of our beloved one. Mr. J. A. Fry. Mrs. Theodore Fry. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hackenberg. Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Rihn.

Louis Schutz was among those going to Omaha this morning, where he was called to spend the day attending to matters of business.

SOMETHING DOING IN TOWN SATURDAY EVE

The Police Kept Pretty Busy Preserving Order, and With All That One Fellow Was Knocked Out.

After a long period of peace, covering the month of January, the police force of the city were certainly put through Saturday evening from early in the evening until dawn Sunday were kept busy answering calls in the different parts of the city where the inhabitants were proceeding to raise disturbances and causing in several instances bloodshed.

The most serious demonstration occurred early Sunday morning after the close of the dance, when two of the young farmers of this section became engaged in a battle royal as the outcome of a long standing grievance, and the participants were certainly badly used in the affray. The affair had its start months ago over some business matters, and later two parties met on the corner of Fifth and Main streets by chance and several blows were struck, none of which, however, were in any way serious, but resulted in one of the parties being arrested and fined, and this served to further fan the flames of wrath long slumbering between the men, and yesterday morning it broke forth in real warfare. A brother of one of the men was at the dance Saturday night and considerable feeling was displayed there, but nothing serious occurred until the parties started homeward, when the gentleman who had suffered the indignity of arrest a few weeks previous met his foe on North Seventh street near the residence of William Baird, where they renewed their quarrel and were soon hot at it in an attempt to do each other great bodily injury, while the screams of the wife of one of the men woke the entire neighborhood and brought the police to the scene of the conflict. One of the men received a very badly damaged "lamp" that was put in mourning by his foe, and it will be some time before he is able to appear in usual form. A physician was secured and came down town in the wee sma' hours of the morning to sew up the party with the injured eye, and the two men were released on their promise to appear this morning in Judge Archer's court and quit for their attack on each other. In the general attack the gentleman who received the black eye retaliated by securing a knife from about his person and making several slashes at the person of his opponent and for a time it seemed that there would be a very serious result of the affair, but the knife succeeded only in inflicting a few slight wounds on the arm of the young man, which were soon sewed up by the attending physician. From what can be learned of the difficulties between the two parties it would seem that they run back several years and that the ill-feeling has kept growing worse and worse. It is to be hoped that by this time all concerned in the matter realize that there is nothing to gain by this means of settling their dispute.

The parties came in this morning to air their troubles before Judge Archer, and as a result the gentleman with the damaged optic lodged a complaint against his opponent for fighting and he was given a fine of \$25 and costs, which was paid and this chapter of the case closed.

County Attorney Cole, who was present, gave both parties a very severe lecture on the error of their ways and showed where each had been partially to blame for the culmination of the affair in the outbreak Saturday night.

Edgar Wescott Quite Sick.

From Friday's Daily. Edgar, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott, has been quite ill for the past two days suffering from a severe case of auto intoxication, which seems to be in the nature of poisoning of the system, and the little man has been very sick and his condition has caused his parents a great deal of anxiety, but he seems to be a little better today and it is hoped he will soon be able to recover from the attack.

Read the want ads in the Journal.