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COMMERCIAL CLUB OF MURRAY ENTERTAINS

The Gathering One of the Largest That Has Ever Been Held in Murray and All Enjoyed It.

From Friday's Daily. Last evening the live bunch of boosters composing the Murray Commercial club held one of the biggest community meetings that has ever been held in any part of the county and one that was filled with interest from start to finish for the residents of Murray and vicinity who had gathered at the Puls & Gansmer hall to take part in the pleasant event.

After the large crowd, numbering in the neighborhood of 400, had assembled at the hall, they were welcomed by President Ted Barrows of the Murray Commercial club, in a few well chosen words, and Mr. Barrows told of some of the things which the commercial club in its short existence had accomplished in the way of improvements in the life of their town and the surrounding community. Hon. W. B. Banning of Union, democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, was then called upon for a few remarks, and as always is the case with "Billy" Banning, he had some mighty good suggestions for the club and his auditors on the spirit of community building and the common interests which knit together the town and the farming communities nearby. He congratulated the club on what they had accomplished in the past year in the way of cementing better feelings between the town and the country and in building up a substantial and thorough organization that is alive to the needs of their locality. Mrs. E. H. Westcott of Plattsmouth favored the audience with one of her charming vocal selections, which was received with the warmest approval by the delighted auditors. The Plattsmouth Male quartet composed of Messrs. Brooks, Cloigt, York and Seivers gave several numbers that proved most enjoyable and the members of this high class organization were forced to respond several times to encores and scored an especial hit with their numbers giving gentle roasts to the prominent members of the commercial club, which were very much enjoyed by the friends of the gentlemen.

Hon. S. R. McKelvie of Lincoln, editor of the Nebraska Farmer, and a candidate for the republican nomination for governor, was the principal speaker of the evening and gave a very able address along the lines of commercial club work and the community spirit which is one of the greatest results of the work of such an organization. Mr. McKelvie is a very pleasing speaker and with an excellent presence that made his address one of the most enjoyable of the evening and one that was filled with a great many excellent ideas for the Murray boosters in the work of the commercial club.

A very pleasing solo was given by Jennings Seivers, which was much enjoyed, and was given in the usual delightful manner that characterizes the musical work of this talented gentleman.

During the course of the evening the Zuckweiler orchestra of this city furnished a number of delightful selections and on the program gave a special number that demonstrated the skill and ability of these young people in their work and many words of commendation were heard for the excellent work of every member of the orchestra.

The banquet which was served by the ladies and the members of the commercial club was one that was complete in every way and the many good things to eat which the ladies had prepared were soon disposed of by the jolly crowd, who were filled with the spirit of good fellowship as well as the delights of the banquet.

This meeting is one that is characteristic of the good people of Murray and every one attending was made to feel welcome and that the community enjoyed to the utmost the occasion there is little doubt. There were in the neighborhood of thirty from this city in attendance at the banquet, and they all returned loud in their praise of the work of the Murray boosters.

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Kills a Real Mad Dog.

From Friday's Daily. On Wednesday afternoon O. A. Davis of Murray had quite an experience on his farm west of Murray in an encounter with a real mad dog. The animal was killed by Mr. Davis after it had been tied up several days, having acted rather suspiciously and was clearly developing signs of the rabies when killed. It is fortunate that the dog was tied up before the disease grew upon him as it prevented him biting any one or any of the stock and the dog was killed before it did any damage.

BASE BALL SEASON WILL BE OPENED SUNDAY, APRIL 16

From Friday's Daily. The base ball season of 1916 is soon to be launched and the opening conflict will take place on Sunday, April 16, at the Red Sox ball park between the Emil Hansons of Omaha and the Sox and will give the fans an opportunity of seeing how the members of the hose aggregation will work after their winter's rest. Manager Smith is very anxious to get the season open and the boys who expect to be in the squad this season are all ready to go at the call of the umpire. The Emil Hansons were one of the best teams in Omaha last season in the smaller leagues and should be able to make a good starter for the local boys in their opening attraction. On the following Sunday, April 23, the McGraw company's fast team of ball players will drop down from Omaha to tangle with the Sox, and as they have demonstrated their ability on previous visits to this city it is safe to say they will give a good fast exhibition of the national pastime. The Red Sox and the McGraws each have a record of one game won and one lost to each other during the past season and are well balanced for a good, fast game.

DEATH OF MICHAEL M'COOL, AN OLD RESIDENT OF CITY

From Friday's Daily. This morning at his home in this city on Washington avenue, Michael McCool, long one of the familiar figures in the life of this community, passed away after an illness of only a few days, having been a sufferer from a severe attack of erysipelas which was augmented by complications that finally resulted in his death. Mr. McCool was first taken sick Monday and it was not thought at first that his condition was at all dangerous, but he grew rapidly worse and yesterday it was recognized that his recovery was very doubtful, and he continued to sink until 5:30 this morning when he passed away.

Mr. McCool had resided in this city for a great many years, and during all these years had been a man of industry, and it was a rare occasion when he was not busy on some task which might aid in caring for his family. Mr. McCool was a gentleman well liked by those who knew him best and his death comes as a profound shock to the many old friends who have been associated with him in the years that he has made his home in our community. He leaves to mourn his death a widow and one son, Michael McCool, jr., who resides in Omaha, as well as a number of step-children, all of whom reside in Omaha. He was a member of Evergreen camp, No. 70, Woodmen of the World, of this city, and was insured in this order for \$1,000.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 from the late home and will be under the auspices of the W. O. W. The interment will be made at Oak Hill cemetery.

Now Getting Along Fine.

From Friday's Daily. Harris Cook, who for the past week has been having a roundup with a severe cold and a touch of the grip, has so far recovered as to be up and around the house and will soon be able to be out at his duties again after suffering a great deal from the effects of the malady. This will be pleasing news to his many friends.

CHARLES BATES TAKEN TO MADISON FOR WIFE DESERTION

From Friday's Daily. The authorities of Madison county notified the authorities here Wednesday evening that they were desirous of securing Charles Bates, who was wanted at Norfolk on a charge of wife desertion and that if he were held here they would send down and have him taken back to Norfolk. Owing to the illness of Sheriff Quinton it was necessary to have Chief of Police William Barclay look after the matter and he at once hastened to the residence of Mr. Bates and placed him under arrest and conveyed him to the county jail where he was lodged to await the coming of the Madison county sheriff. The man was very much enraged at his arrest and it was with the greatest difficulty that the chief was able to handle him without using force but finally secured him safe behind the doors of the prison and when there the prisoner proceeded to raise several more varieties of trouble and when his meals were served to him he displayed a very ugly disposition and on one of these occasions hurled his jar of coffee to the ground, breaking it, and otherwise conducting himself in a wrathful manner. Yesterday afternoon the sheriff came down from Madison and secured the warlike gentleman and conveyed him back to that place to face the charge of wife desertion.

FORMER BURLINGTON EMPLOYE HERE DIES IN KANSAS CITY

This morning the sad news was received here of the death at his home in Kansas City of Harold Williams, a former Plattsmouth boy and who up to a little over a year ago had been employed here in the Burlington shops. It was not known until something over a week ago that Mr. Williams was ill when it was learned that he was suffering from the dread malady, consumption, and his condition gradually grew worse until his death. His mother, Mrs. Mattie Williams, was called to Kansas City a few days ago, reaching there in time to be with her son in his last hours. The message that "Happy" Williams, as he was so well known here, was no more, brought a feeling of the most profound regret here in this city where he had grown to manhood and where his life had grown in friendship with so many of the young people who will feel keenly that no more shall they have the privilege of meeting him and enjoying his genial society as in the years gone by. Mr. Williams, with his family, left here shortly over a year ago and located in Kansas City where he had since been employed. He leaves his mother, Mrs. Mattie Williams, of Glenwood, Iowa, and his wife to mourn his death.

DR. F. R. TOWNE OF OMAHA TO LECTURE ON BIRDS

On next Tuesday, afternoon and evening, Dr. F. R. Towne of Omaha will be in the city to give two lectures on the conservation of the bird life of the country and the different steps that are being taken throughout the nation to aid in the movement to preserve the bird life of the American continent. This lecture is the same that Dr. Towne is giving before the schools of Omaha and is given under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution chapter of this city. The lecture to the pupils of the grade schools will be given in the afternoon while in the evening the doctor will lecture to the members of the high school on bird life. To the children of the school the lectures will be free, but to the general public desiring to attend there will be a small admission fee charged to assist in the expense. The lectures will be illustrated with slides of the birds showing the habits of the feathered residents of our country. The lecture is well worth attending and will be of great benefit to the school children in their work of bird conservation.

New Son Makes Appearance.

From Friday's Daily. Early this morning the stork paid a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hiner, near Murray, and left in their care a fine little son and heir. Both the mother and little one are doing nicely and the father is feeling quite proud over the addition to his family. Mr. and Mrs. Hiner have been making their home in this city but a few weeks ago removed to Murray to reside on a farm northeast of that place.

TRAGICAL DEATH YOUNG MAN BORN IN PLATTSMOUTH

Otto Joseph Schirk Struck by Auto as He Got Off Street Car and Injured So Badly That He Lived But Three Hours.

From Saturday's Daily. Joseph Peters, who was called to Omaha Wednesday last by the death of his nephew, Otto Joseph Schirk, returned home yesterday morning, having done all that was possible for the bereaved wife and parents of the young man, who were prostrated by the sudden and tragic death of Mr. Schirk. His death was occasioned by being struck by an automobile while he was getting off of a street car at Twenty-seventh and Lake streets in Omaha. The accident occurred Monday evening at 8:45 and at 9:45 the unfortunate young man passed away at the hospital. One very sad feature of the case was that the bride of six months is left to mourn the loss of the husband and for two days following the accident was unconscious and for a time it was feared that she would not recover from the effects of her grief. The body was taken from Omaha to the home of the parents at Havelock on Wednesday and there a short funeral service was held at the home of the parents and the body was taken to Holdridge, to the home of Mrs. Schirk's parents, where the final services were held and the body interred in the cemetery at that place. Mr. Peters accompanied the body of his nephew from Omaha to Havelock for the funeral services, returning from there home.

This young man who met his death so tragically at the commencement of a bright and promising career was born in Plattsmouth twenty-nine years ago, where his father, Michael Schirk, was engaged in the grocery business in partnership with H. M. Soennichsen, and later when the family removed from this city he took up his school work in Havelock and Lincoln and, graduating from the high school, later entered the state university and also Creighton college, where his ability received a worthy recognition. He was employed in the office of Master Mechanic Ackerman at Lincoln for a short time and last fall was sent to Omaha to look after some work for the Burlington in that city and was married on October 20 to Miss Adeline Klipinger of Holdridge, Nebraska, who is left to mourn his death. To the family the deepest sympathy of their old friends will be extended in their hour of grief.

THE DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT AT AVOCA

From the vicinity of Avoca comes the report of the death of John Benecke, a pioneer resident of that community and who for many years has made his home near Avoca and the northern part of Otoe county. Mr. Benecke was sixty years of age at the time of his death and was a gentleman held in the highest esteem by a large number of friends as one of the sturdy and reliable citizens of the community. Many years ago this estimable gentleman located on a farm near Avoca, between that city and the Otoe county line, and resided there until last January when he retired from active life and moved into Berlin where he was residing at the time of his death. His widow, two sons and two daughters survive his death, which occurred on Thursday morning at an early hour. The funeral will be held from Berlin.

STATE HEALTH INSPECTOR VISITED IN CITY LAST EVENING

From Saturday's Daily. The state inspector of health, Dr. W. H. Wilson, was in the city last evening for a short time looking into the conditions here in regard to the scarlet fever cases that have been placed in quarantine by the city authorities to check the spread of the disease, and the inspector seemed well pleased with the conditions of the patients and the general health of the city as compared with other towns. One of the cases that had been placed under quarantine was especially examined into and the patient having developed no signs of the peeling which is the final stages of the disease, or not having any sign of the malady beyond the symptoms of the first few days, was pronounced as not suffering from the disease. The work of the city in keeping a close tab on all those who developed any symptoms of scarlet fever has resulted in checking the disease to a great extent and in restoring normal health conditions to the city and if the children have not developed full fledged cases of the disease it has been a safeguard that should be approved of in preventing the disease spreading, and while inconveniencing in a great many cases has done a great deal of good in the work of stamping out the scarlet fever.

MT. ZION COMMANDRY ENJOY BANQUET AT HOTEL RILEY

From Saturday's Daily. Last evening the members of Mt. Zion commandry No. 5, Knights Templar, held a most delightful banquet at the Hotel Riley, which was attended by twenty-nine of the Sir Knights, and the occasion was one that was most enjoyable to the representatives of this great branch of the Masonic fraternity. The handsome dining room of the hotel was arranged with decorations appropriate to the notable event, the lights being softly shaded in pink, while the table was a scene of rare beauty with the handsome floral decorations of carnations and the candles added a touch of rare beauty to the occasion. The repast served was one of excellence and under the personal supervision of Manager J. E. Grippen everything that could add to the pleasure of the evening was supplied for the benefit of the Knights Templar. After the enjoyment of the banquet, which lasted from 7 to 8 o'clock, the members adjourned from the hotel to the Masonic temple where a very interesting session was held and several candidates were given the degree of the commandry. The event was one that was notable in the many pleasing occasions in which the Sir Knights have taken part and in keeping with the splendid success which this degree of Masonry has enjoyed in the past year in its growth as well as effective work for the order.

PETITION FILED IN PROBATE COURT FOR ADMINISTRATOR

From Saturday's Daily. A petition for the probate of the estate of the late Frederick Engelke-meier has been filed in the county court by Henry F. Engelke-meier, a son of the deceased, who asks that papers as administratrix be issued to Emilie Engelke-meier, the widow of the deceased, as a suitable and proper person to have charge of the estate. The petition states that the personal property of the deceased is of the value of \$1,000 while the value of the real estate is unknown. Mr. Engelke-meier was one of the extensive land owners of this county and the estate is quite large. The heirs of the estate are the widow and the children of the deceased.

Z. W. Shrader and wife of Mt. Pleasant precinct were in the city Saturday afternoon for a few hours while enroute home from Omaha where they were visiting with their daughter at the hospital in that city.

Visiting in the City.

Henry Kehne, one of the leading farmers from Center precinct, was in the city for a few hours today attending to some business matters at the court house and while in Plattsmouth called at the Journal office for a brief visit. Mr. Kehne is one of the most stable citizens in his community and it was a great pleasure to meet him. He has not been in the best of health for the past winter, having had a touch of pneumonia as well as other complaints which have caused our old friend a great deal of trouble.

STRANGER IN A STRANGE PLACE GETS IN HANDS OF POLICE

Saturday evening, or rather early Sunday morning the family of John Bauer, sr., were aroused by a great deal of noise in one of the lower rooms of the house, as though some one was moving about and occasionally falling over the different pieces of furniture. Mr. Bauer, investigating the matter, together with his son-in-law, Louis Egenberger, was very much surprised to find a stranger calmly seated in the parlor of the house taking life easy and evidently under the influence of liquor and who had mistaken the Bauer home for his own little cottage. All efforts to move the stranger failed as he was evidently bent on making an extended visit, and it was necessary finally to call in the police to assist in the removal of the unwelcome guest. Chief of Police Barclay and Officer Jones responded to the call and in a very few seconds had the invader of this peaceful home on his way to the village lockup to rest from his load of alcoholic beverages. The man was a stranger and his condition was such that he could not clearly tell who he was as he was led protestingly on his way to jail by the officers.

The prisoner, being desirous of securing his liberty, deposited \$8 yesterday with Chief Barclay to cover the fine for being drunk and was released and this morning the cash bond was forfeited in Judge Archer's court and the city treasury made richer by this amount.

W. J. BRYAN AT THE PARMELE THEATER WEDNESDAY EVE.

On Wednesday evening, April 12, William Jennings Bryan will visit this city for the first time since the closing days of the campaign of 1912 to address the voters of this city and vicinity. The meeting will be held in the Parmele theater at 8 o'clock as arrangements have been made by the committee in charge to secure the use of the theater for this purpose. Mr. Bryan has always drawn large crowds at his meetings in this city where he has appeared in every campaign since 1890, and his public speeches are always well worth hearing as he well deserves the reputation as one of the great orators of the United States. This year the visit of Mr. Bryan is primarily in the interests of his brother, C. W. Bryan, for governor, as well as in behalf of the prohibition amendment to the state constitution which he is advocating throughout the state. He will also give his views on the questions relating to his withdrawal from the cabinet of President Wilson and the democratic party in Nebraska.

MRS. WM. ROSE, SR. PASSED AWAY WEDNESDAY

A very strange accident which called another of our well known pioneers to the world beyond occurred last Monday morning. It was about 9 o'clock and Mrs. William Rose sr., was descending the cellar step of her home and when a few steps from the bottom she lost her balance and fell, striking the back of her head on the cement floor. The shock of the fall caused a hemorrhage and death was the result. She was unconscious until the end which happened about 7:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Funeral services were held from the Methodist Episcopal church Friday afternoon.—Nehawka News.

FORMER CASS COUNTY CITIZEN DIES IN IOWA

The news of the death of A. C. Murray, a former Cass county man, has been received in this city and the many old friends of this worthy gentleman will regret greatly to learn of his death. Mr. Murray has resided in Fort Madison, Iowa, for the past few years since leaving this county nineteen years ago. Mr. Murray, during his residence in this county, made a great many friends and they will learn with great regret of his being called to his reward.

Alvin Calvin Murray was born at Rock Bluff, Cass county, Nebraska, May 13, 1861, and died in Fort Madison, Iowa, March 16, 1916, aged 54 years, 10 months and 3 days. He came to Fort Madison nineteen years ago and ever since that time had made his home in that city. He united with the Christian church in Plattsmouth several years ago. For the past five years he had been in the employ of the state of Iowa, acting as guard at the state prison at Fort Madison.

For nearly a year his health had not been of the best and for three months or more he had been confined to his bed. The end came peacefully on the 16th, at Sacred Heart hospital. Mr. Murray was a member of the A. O. U. W., I. O. O. F. and of Stella lodge, A. F. and A. M.

He leaves to mourn his wife, son, E. R. Murray of Omaha, Nebraska, brother, Lewis Murray of Pender, Nebraska; father, Joshua Murray, of Pender, and one sister, Mrs. Metz, of Sacred Heart, Minnesota. The funeral service was in charge of Stella lodge, Masons, with Rev. Burns of Disciples local church officiating. The sermon by Rev. Lloyd Tennant was from the text, Job 30:23. A select choir of members of the Christian church with Miss Smith at the piano, furnished the music. The pall bearers were A. C. Rowland, Ben Skyles, Jasper Hays, M. A. Leigh, Charles Tompkins and Edward Volters. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

FUNERAL OF MICHAEL M'COOL SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late Michael McCool was held from the family residence on Washington avenue and was attended by a very large number of the old friends of the departed gentleman as well as the members of the local camp of the Woodmen of the World who attended the services in a body and assisted in the laying to rest of their beloved brother. The services at the house were in charge of Rev. J. H. Steger, pastor of St. Paul's church, who gave a very comforting sermon on the life of the departed. During the services the choir from St. Paul's church gave two of the old well loved hymns, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." At the close of the services the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery where it was laid to rest in the family lot in that silent city. At the grave the Woodmen of the World conducted their ritualistic work as the departed brother was placed in his last earthly resting place. A large number of relatives from out of the city were present at the funeral services and to share in the common grief that the death of this good man has occasioned. The floral remembrances were very beautiful and numerous and attested the feeling in which Mr. McCool has been held by those who knew him best.

Funeral of Little Child.

The funeral of the five-weeks-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. J. True was held from St. Paul's church Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock and the burial was had in the cemetery west of the city. The casket was accompanied from the home west of this city by the family and the neighbors who shared the grief of the parents at the taking away of the little child. The pallbearers were four young girls selected from the neighborhood where the True family makes their home.