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REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

Among Other Things the Proposition of Holding a Chautauqua in Plattsmouth Was Taken Up.

From Friday's Daily.
Last evening the Commercial club of the city held their regular monthly meeting at the rooms in the Hotel Riley block, when a good sized crowd was present to take part in the meeting and discuss the matters that were brought up for consideration. It had been hoped to have the address on the constitutional convention by Attorney Matthew Gering, but this feature was omitted as Mr. Gering was unable to be present, but this will be made the attraction for the December session of the club.

The membership committee reported they had been very successful in the work of soliciting memberships and that now close to 100 paying members were enrolled in the club with the prospect of adding more during the next few months. The treasurer reported the sum of \$200 on hand in the treasury at the present time, which will enable the club to carry on their work.

One, if not the most important portion of the meeting, was the proposition made by Mr. Reed, representing the Standard Lyceum company of Chicago, in regard to the establishing of a chautauqua in this city during the coming summer. This is one of the important subjects that every citizen of the city will be interested in and the proposition made by Mr. Reed was very fair, and one that should be made a success if it is decided to adopt the suggestion of the speaker. The standard company has some of the finest attractions in the United States, and among their lecturers are Senator Ollie M. James of Kentucky, ex-Senator A. J. Beverage of Indiana and Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, and a number of musical companies and high class special acts which include the White Hussars, which has been one of the attractions at the Epworth assembly at Lincoln for the last two years. Mr. Reed explained at length the plan of the company, which called for a guarantee of \$800 for the series of attractions and offered 25 per cent to the club for all over this amount. A number of those at the meeting who had been in cities where the chautauqua had been held expressed their opinions on the subject and all were very favorable to the adopting of the suggestion that Plattsmouth should get in the line and add this feature to the summer program of entertainment. It was decided to have a committee appointed to canvass the city and see what could be learned of the wishes of the citizens in general in regard to the proposition, and President Westcott named as such committee, Messrs. W. A. Robertson, H. A. Schneider, W. G. Brooks, T. H. Pollock and J. P. Falter. These gentlemen will thoroughly canvass the situation and prepare a report for the club on the possibilities of making this splendid attraction a winner in this city during the summer months.

The attention of the Commercial club was also called in a letter from Mr. Flynn, one of the leading club workers of the South Side club in Omaha, to the need of the commercial clubs in this section of the state taking action to secure government aid in the stopping of the washing of the Missouri river near LaPlatte, where already several hundred acres of land have been washed into the river and which, if not stopped, would cause a great deal of damage along this side of the river. The matter has been under discussion by the Commercial club in this city for some time and it was decided to appoint a committee consisting of Mayor J. P. Sattler, T. H. Pollock and ex-Mayor E. J. Richey to take up, with the other commercial clubs, the matter of laying before the federal government the condition along the river and securing if possible the support of the government in saving the land on this side of the river. The committee will get busy at once and take up the matter with the Omaha club and try and secure a definite understanding as to what steps the United States government will be willing to take.

SURGEONS FIND NEEDLES IN GIRL'S APPENDIX

From Friday's Daily.
George Weston was telling us the other day that the surgeons who operated on his daughter, Mrs. Bessie Engles, at the hospital in Clarinda, for appendicitis, found two needles embedded in the vermiform appendix. Such an unusual case has never come to our attention before. Mrs. Engles is the wife of Marion Engles, and resided some years ago at Bartlett, where Mr. Engles was section foreman for the Burlington railroad. Their present home is in Braddyville, in Page county.—Thurman Times.

REV. MCCLUSKY BACK FROM NEW YORK

From Friday's Daily.
This morning Rev. H. G. McClusky returned home from Boneville, N. Y., where he was in attendance at the funeral of his father, Eli H. McClusky, whose death occurred very suddenly on Tuesday, November 7th, at his home in that city. The death of Mr. McClusky was caused by an attack of acute pneumonia and came on very suddenly. He had left his home and voted at the election booth and made several trips to the city, when on returning home in the afternoon he was taken very ill and inside of an hour from the time he was taken sick was dead. The death came as a great shock to Rev. McClusky when the message was received announcing the death of the father and he at once departed for the old home to attend the last sad services. The deceased was 69 years of age and was quite prominent in his home community. Rev. McClusky will resume his work as pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city and his congregation will be much pleased to have him back with them, and will extend to him their condolences in the loss that has come to him in the passing of his father to the better world.

THE HOLLY ORCHESTRA VISITS MASONIC HOME

From Friday's Daily.
Superintendent and Mrs. W. S. Askwith and the members of the Masonic Home, on Wednesday evening, received a very pleasant surprise when the Holly orchestra visited the Home and for several hours entertained the old folks at the Home with a very pleasing musical program, which consisted of a large number of the standard and popular selections as well as the old favorites of the members of the institution, and it is needless to say that the occasion was one of a great deal of enjoyment, and especially to those whose age and health will not permit them to be out and around as much as they might desire, and every one felt very grateful to the musicians for their thoughtfulness in visiting the Home and affording such a pleasing treat to the old folks, and it gives them the feeling that their friends over the city have a deep interest in their welfare and happiness. Superintendent Askwith has authorized the Journal to publicly express the appreciation of the family at the Home for the delightful program given. The members of the party giving the entertainment were: Miss Verna Cole, pianist; W. R. Holly, violin; Ed Schulhoff, cornet, and Anton Bajek on the drums.

ANOTHER SMITH IN CITY.

From Friday's Daily.
Last evening Mr. and Mrs. William Smith were made very happy when the stork left in their care a fine twelve-pound son who will be the sunshine of the home hereafter. The young man arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kopp, the grandparents, where Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been residing for the last two weeks. The little one has been the source of much joy to the happy parents as well as to Grandpa and Grandma Kopp and the other relatives. The friends will extend their heartiest congratulations to the parents and the best wishes for the future welfare of the young man.

Office supplies at the Journal office.

AN OLD PIONEER PASSES AWAY

James W. Thomas, Who Has Been in Poor Health for Some Time, Died at the Soldiers' Home in Grand Island.

From Friday's Daily.
Another of the old pioneers who assisted in making the present great state of Nebraska was called from his earthly activities to his final reward after an illness of several years when James T. Thomas passed away at 12:45 yesterday afternoon at the Soldiers Home in Grand Island, where he had been making his home for the last year and a half. The devoted wife and daughters were at his side when the messenger of death called from their midst the husband and father. The body was brought to this city last night and will rest in the home he loved so well until the hour for his being laid to rest in the family lot in Oak Hill cemetery, where those of his family who have preceded him in death are resting in their last long sleep.

James W. Thomas was born in the state of Indiana, on January 20, 1840, and there spent his boyhood, coming to Nebraska with his parents, Thomas Thomas and wife in the year 1856, when but 16 years of age, and is therefore one of the old residents of Cass county, and with the exception of the few years of the war and the time spent in the Soldiers' Home has resided on a farm near this city, and here James grew to manhood while engaged in farming. In 1862 he heeded the call of his country and enlisted in Company H, Second Nebraska, and served throughout the war in the Union army, and at the close of the great struggle returned to Nebraska to take up the work that he had left at the time he joined the army. Mr. Thomas was first married in an early day in this city and has surviving him as a result of this marriage, one son, Fred Thomas, residing at Olympia, Wash. On June 28, 1879, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage in this city to Miss Julia E. Childs, daughter of Judge Childs, one of the pioneers of the county, and the widow, together with five daughters, Mrs. Jacob Hoffman, Julesburg, Colo.; Miss Daisy Thomas, Lincoln; Mrs. Lillian Seny, Mrs. Thos. J. Will, and Miss Alberta Thomas, all of Plattsmouth, are left to mourn the death of this good man. With the advance of years the health of Mr. Thomas began to fail and he found it necessary to go to the Soldiers' Home, where he was cared for at the hospital until death came to his relief and called him to rest. A man of honesty and industry, his life-time friends will miss him very much and the community will keenly feel the loss that has befallen them. Mr. Thomas had in the years gone by shown in his daily walks of life the splendid character that he possessed, and his associations with his fellow man had endeared him to a legion of warm friends. To share the grief of the widow and children there is left two brothers and one sister, Senator S. L. Thomas of Long Beach, Cal.; Thomas J. Thomas of Omaha, and Mrs. O. M. Carter of Denver.

The funeral services will be held at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon from the First Methodist church in this city. The body will lie in state at the church from 12 to 2:30.

ED. McCULLY MEETS WITH ACCIDENT AT THE SHOPS

Yesterday afternoon Ed McCully, an employe at the Burlington shops, met with a very painful accident while at his work, which resulted in the splitting of the middle finger of the right hand very painfully and will put him out of commission for a short time. Ed was engaged in taking a wheel off an axel on which it was fastened and in doing so, a timber which he was using to get the wheel off, slipped and caused the injury to his hand. The injury was dressed and the patient made as comfortable as possible by the attending physician.

FOR SALE.

Sixty 3-year-old apple trees, finest varieties. T. H. Pollock.

FUNERAL OF FORMER RESIDENT OF PLATTSMOUTH

From Friday's Daily.
The body of Frank Edgerton, a former resident of this city, arrived this morning over the Burlington from Des Moines, where Mr. Edgerton died on Wednesday. The body was taken direct from the depot to Oak Hill cemetery, where it was laid to rest beside the body of the wife, who was buried here seven years ago. Mr. Edgerton has not resided here for many years, but will be well remembered by many of the older residents. The body was met here by several of the relatives from Senadoah, Ia., and was accompanied by a brother of the deceased, Samuel Edgerton of River-ton, Ia., and who attended the services at the grave, which were conducted by Rev. T. A. Truscott of the First Methodist church, which were simple and impressive. The funeral was in charge of W. J. Straight, who made the arrangements on receipt of the message from the relatives at Des Moines.

JUDGE BEGLEY TAKES AN IMPORTANT CASE UNDER ADVISEMENT

From Saturday's Daily.
Yesterday in the district court the case of Lee Noble Hansen vs. S. D. Cheek, et al., occupied the attention of the court and the evidence on both sides was submitted for the consideration of Judge Begley. This is a case in which the plaintiff, who is the owner of a farm in Pawnee county contends he was defrauded in the purchase of a livery barn in the town of Weeping Water from the defendant, by misrepresentation and that the mortgage given to cover the promissory note for \$4,000 was raised without his knowledge. The defendants in their testimony showed that the plaintiff was of age at the time he entered into the purchase of the livery barn and that he was fully aware of the price to be paid for the barn when he made the purchase and denied the claim of an attempt to defraud. After the submission of the testimony the argument was made for the plaintiff by Attorney Matthew Gering and Attorneys C. E. Tefft, of Weeping Water and A. L. Tidd of this city for the defendant. Judge Begley took the case under advisement at the conclusion of the case and will render his decision later.

RETURNED AFTER 4 YEARS; WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD

Last Friday evening J. F. Hoover was much surprised when Ed Kackmarck came to his place. It was four years ago that he left Peru, where he was attending the State Normal school, and since that time his relatives and friends had known nothing of his whereabouts. In fact they had come to the conclusion that something had happened to him, and had considered that he was in all probability dead. He said he had been in California. He had a goodly supply of money and was dressed well, which showed that he had been very prosperous. He came to see Mr. Hoover, who was guardian of the Kackmarck estate, to get the remainder of his share in the same, amounting to \$300. While he had relatives and friends here he did not stop to look them up but left on the morning train, saying that he did not have very much time to stay. Just why he left as he did and why he remained away so long without word to his relatives here he did not state. Just what he has been doing he did not say. So these things will continue to remain a mystery to all here for the present at least.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

STRAYED.

Last Sunday, a red hog. Weighs between 250 and 300 lbs. Anyone knowing anything of its whereabouts notify Fred Haffke, at Plattsmouth, Phone 3133. 11-23-ltdltwly.

Victrolas \$15 to \$150. Records and needles. J. W. Crabill. 10-17-d&w.

REUNION IN HONOR OF MR. AND MRS. O'NEILL

From Saturday's Daily.
Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Speck, southwest of our city, was held a family gathering for Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Neill, of Bassett. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill were former residents of Plattsmouth but moved west seven years ago. This is Mr. O'Neill's first visit to his old home and he noted many changes and improvements. The greatest difference to him was to find his childhood home in ruins. This was the old O'Neill place south of the B. & O. shops. They visited friends and relatives here for several days and then went to the home of Ben Speck, nephew of Mrs. O'Neill.

Sunday was a typical Autumn day and every one of the relatives of Mrs. O'Neill were there except Mamie Speck, of Glenwood, Ia.

An appetizing and sumptuous dinner was served in dainty style by Mrs. Ben Speck, during which old times were talked of. The only thing which marred the pleasure of this day to the assembly was an accident by a run-away horse driven by Frank Riggs, a farm hand of C. C. Murray. The horse became unmanageable and ran into a bridge at the foot of a long hill, throwing the three men several feet into a ditch. None were seriously hurt. Mr. Fred Gardner, of Cullom, fell upon his back, hurting his neck and back. F. M. O'Neill received several bruises and scratches. The driver, Mr. Riggs, received a severe jolting and his buggy was smashed to pieces. But as no one was seriously hurt the day's pleasure was complete and as the day departed so did the relatives, each one declaring that he had enjoyed himself.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Speck and son of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Speck and children; James L. Speck, brother-in-law of Mrs. O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Murray and little daughter, Christine, of Mynard; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gardner, of Cullom; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. O'Neill, of Bassett; Frank Riggs, of Mynard and Dorothy, Bell, Fred, Harry and Carl Speck of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill left for their home at Bassett early Monday morning taking with them the remembrances and best wishes of all.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE ON MRS. JOSEPH HIBER

From Saturday's Daily.
Yesterday was the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Joseph Hiber and in the evening a large number of her neighbors and friends wended their way to her cozy home in the west part of the city and tendered her a very pleasant birthday surprise. When the invaders entered her home Mrs. Hiber was sure somewhat surprised, but soon was herself again and proceeded to entertain her friends in her usual hospitable manner. Various games and amusements were introduced, which were entered into with much merriment and enthusiasm and afforded all a most enjoyable time. The invaders had come well armed with many good things to eat and during the evening a delicious birthday luncheon was prepared, which was served at a most suitable time. It was a late hour when the invaders withdrew their forces, wishing Mrs. Hiber many more such happy birthdays.

Those in attendance were Mesdames Frank Ohm, Joseph Warga, John Kopia, Emmona Ptak, A. J. Snyder, M. Bajek, Joe Hadraba, Sr., Joe Mooster, Joe Hadraba, Jr., J. P. Sattler, Jesse Warga, Frank Janda, Tom Svoboda, John Svoboda and Miss Anna Warga.

HENRY MILLER IMPROVING.

From Friday's Daily.
Reports from the Immanuel hospital in Omaha state that Henry C. Miller, who has been there for the past six weeks taking treatment, is now showing some improvement, which offers encouragement to the family and friends for his recovery, and they trust most sincerely that he may soon be in such condition that will permit his return to this city. Mr. Miller has been in poor health for some time and this is the second time he has been at the hospital for treatment.

20c gasoline at Dawson's.

KEITH NEVILLE RE-APPOINTS W. J. O'BRIEN OF GRETNA

The first appointment made by Governor-elect Keith Neville is one that is worthy of commendation and that is the re-appointment of William J. O'Brien, of Gretna, as superintendent of the state fisheries. Mr. O'Brien has developed this office to a high point of efficiency and by his careful study and great energy has given the state a splendid service in the conservation of the fish in the streams and lakes of the state and improved the stock and quality of the fish that make their homes in the rivers and streams. Mr. O'Brien has held this office of fish commissioner under the administration of several of the governors and for the last twenty years has been one of the ablest men in the service of the state. This re-appointment by the new governor of this able public servant will certainly meet with the approval of the citizens of the state in general and especially in this section where the fisheries are located and where Mr. O'Brien has made his home for a great many years. It shows the proper spirit in the governor to surround himself by competent and well qualified public officials that will be a credit to his administration during the next two years.

FINED FOR DRINKING LIQUOR ON THE STREET

From Saturday's Daily.
Yesterday the court of Judge M. Archer was occupied with hearing the complaint against Bert Elleridge and C. L. Stull, who together with John Rainey were charged with drinking liquor on the street in violation of the city ordinance. Mr. Stull was represented at the hearing by C. E. Martin, and claimed that he was not engaged in drinking any of the liquor, which was the property of Rainey, and denying the charge made. The men were arrested a few nights ago by Officers Jones and McCrary, near the alley on South Fourth street, and were later released to appear for trial, but only Stull and Elleridge appeared as Rainey has since left the city. After hearing the case Judge Archer gave both parties a fine of \$1 and costs, amounting to \$2.85, which was paid and they were released. From the evidence it would seem that the whiskey had been purchased by John Rainey, and the others in the case denied having anything to do with it aside from being present at the time the arrests were made.

CHAUTAUQUA IDEA MAKING PROGRESS

From Saturday's Daily.
It seems as though this city is to have a chautauqua during the coming summer, judging from the enthusiastic manner in which the citizens have subscribed to the guarantee that will bring the high class attractions of the Standard Lyceum company to this city. Under the plans there will be a week of the chautauqua during the last of June or the first of July and for six days there will be twelve attractions furnished for both afternoon and evening entertainment with a change at each one so as to afford a varied program of interesting lectures as well as high class musical acts. Mr. Reed, who has been around with the committee of the Commercial club, has found a very ready response from a vast majority of the persons called upon and enough have been secured to make it almost a certainty that the entertainment can be secured for the coming season. With the patronage that the different attractions deserve there should be no difficulty in making the affair self-sustaining and a success in every way. With the chautauqua held early in the summer and the annual fall festival later in the season the city will be well supplied with entertainment of a nature that would be pleasing to everyone and add much to bringing to the city many hundreds of visitors during the summer.

FOR SALE—New upright piano; will take second-hand upright as part payment. Inquire at Electric Shoe Store. 10-21-td&w

CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. John Turner Were Married Fifty Years.

On Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1916, occurred the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Turner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Turner. It was a day of rejoicing and many friends and neighbors had assembled to take part in the happy event.

At noon a sumptuous feast was spread to which all present partook in a social way and in renewing past of very heartily. The day was spent in joyous events.

John Turner was born in Barber county, W. Va., in the year 1841. Miss Ann Matilda Squires was born in the same county in 1844. These two young people were married in November, 22, 1866, at Grand Ville, Ia. In 1869 they came to Nebraska and settled on a homestead eight miles from Ashland where they lived three years. They then sold this place and bought the place which they now own two miles southwest of town. They have lived here ever since and to them were born three boys, Oscar, Edwin and James.

Opal Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Turner, entertained the guests by instrumental selections.

Many beautiful presents were received by this couple of 50 years as tokens of appreciation of the high esteem in which they were held.

Those present were as follows: Brothers and sisters of Mr. Turner; Mrs. Susan Miller and Mrs. Molly Benedict, of Newsharen, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Baldwin, of Caryvan, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Turner, of Ft. Morgan, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Turner, of University Place.

Brothers and sisters of Mrs. Turner; Mr. and Mrs. Squires, of Wabash; Mrs. Ella Starr, of Council Bluffs; Mrs. J. H. Horton, of Valisca, Ia. Others from out of town were: Mrs. Robert Brunlow, of Ipswich, S. D.; Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Cook, of near Mynard; Mrs. Gathburg, of University Place; Mr. and Mrs. F. Assmusen, of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gehardt, of near Eagle; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thiel, of near Murdock. Those from Elmwood and near this city: Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Turner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas West, Mr. and Mrs. Chas Bailey, Mr. P. M. Trapp, Mr. and Mrs. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Stark, Mr. and Mrs. George Kunz, Mr. and Mrs. George Biekert, Mr. George Lenz, Mrs. Fred Lenz, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kunz, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bartlett, Mrs. J. L. Creamer and daughter, Ethel.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

THE BODY OF MR. KUHNS TAKEN TO CALIFORNIA

This afternoon Mrs. J. M. Kuhns and son, Robert, departed for Los Angeles, Calif., taking with them the body of Mr. Kuns which will be laid to rest in the cemetery at Los Angeles. The body of the late Mr. Kuns lay in state at the Elks lodge room yesterday afternoon and last evening in order that the friends might take a last farewell and was taken from the Elks' direct to the Burlington station. There were no funeral services held in this city as the service will be held in California on the arrival of the funeral party there. A number of the close friends of the family were at the station to bid the members of the family farewell on their sad mission to the coast.

BIG THANKSGIVING DINNER.

The ladies will serve a great big Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 30th, at the Lewiston church east of Murray. Everyone is invited for both dinner and supper, and a good time will be in store for everyone and plenty to eat. Price 25c. The Plattsmouth orchestra will be present and assist in the entertainment of the guests.

FOR SALE.

Hot water heating plant for 7 or 8-room house; in good condition; bargain. T. H. Pollock.