

## COMMERCIAL CLUB HAS A GOOD MEETING

Election of Officers and Fine Address  
By J. W. Gamble of Omaha,  
and Good Attendance.

From Friday's Daily.

The annual election of officers of the Commercial club was held last evening as a part of the proceedings of the January meeting of that organization, which was held at the auditorium of the Carnegie library. The meeting was one filled with much interest both in the selection of the excellent array of officers for the ensuing year and in the enjoyment of the able address delivered by J. W. Gamble of Omaha, one of the live wires of the Omaha Commercial club.

The meeting was called to order by President Wescott, and the settlement of the routine business of the organization taken up by the members. Chief of Police Barclay, who has charge of the lookout committee, reported that in the past two months twenty-eight families have moved into the city to make their homes, all of which was very pleasing to the representatives of the club, as it indicated the steady and continuous growth of the city.

The president of the club, following the reports, called for the nominations for the officers of the club, and the first office take up was that of president. J. P. Falter in a few well chosen words placed William A. Robertson in nomination for the office of president, and he was elected by a unanimous vote. The newly elected president was compelled to respond to the demands for a speech, when he expressed his appreciation of the honor extended him and promised to do all possible in the ensuing year to promote the best interests of the city, and also spoke of the necessity for the hearty co-operation of each member of the club to make it the success that it should be in the future.

For the office of vice president of the club the name of Frank M. Pastor was presented by T. H. Pollock, and the nomination carried by the unanimous vote of the members present.

E. A. Wurl presented for the difficult and strenuous position of secretary of the club, the name of Henry A. Schneider, who has been one of the live wires in the club work in this city during his residence here, and it was with great enthusiasm that Mr. Schneider was elected for the position. Mr. Schneider stated that while he appreciated the feeling of the club members in the matter he would have much more preferred to have someone else selected, but that he would do all in his power to assist the club, and urged the co-operation of all of the club members in making 1917 a big year in the club work. The nomination of Mr. Schneider was seconded by Philip Thieroff in a short and very pleasing speech, and despite the opposition of Mr. Schneider he was given the position of secretary.

In compiling the list of officers August W. Cloidt was nominated for treasurer of the organization by Frank Pastor, and was elected by a unanimous vote of the body.

President Wescott at the close of the election of officers took the occasion to congratulate the club members on the gentlemen selected and gave a short review of the past year in the city, which had been one of the most successful in every way of any previous year for the last twenty-five years in lines of trade, as well as building improvement. The number of men employed in the shops had been greater than for many years and the pay roll of the Burlington here the best for several years. He extended to the new officers the best wishes for future success and urged the active aid of all the members in their efforts for the improvement of the city and the business conditions.

After the close of the election the members of the club were given the opportunity of hearing an address by J. W. Gamble, who is a former Plattsmouth and Cass county man and whose visits to this city are always enjoyed to the utmost by his many friends, with whom he had spent so many pleasant years. Mr. Gamble

took as his subject a discussion of business conditions after the great world war, both in America and in Europe, and carefully analyzed the situation as he saw it of the affairs of the world in finance and industrial lines following the coming of peace between the warring nations. He pointed out the conditions that had followed other great wars in the shifting of trade balances from one nation to another, of how the wars of the early half of the nineteenth century in Europe had resulted in making England the leading trading nation instead of Holland, that had held it for many years, and as a result of the war and devastation in Europe during the present struggle Mr. Gamble saw the opportunity of the United States, which has become the greatest exporting nation on earth, to remain as the great trading nation of the world. The position of this country has been greatly changed by this conflict, as the speaker stated, and the United States has become a world power, with new duties and responsibilities imposed upon it by that fact. The conditions in this country toward foreign nations must be so regulated as to give the American manufacturer and producer the opportunity to meet the competition of the nations who would adopt the system of government buying at the close of the conflict.

In speaking of the financial situation, Mr. Gamble stated that the end of the war would bring a higher money rate in this country as the nations in Europe who are now at war would require a great deal of capital to rebuild, and this would afford the surplus of American capital an attractive field to work in, and which would of necessity make the money rate higher in this country. The address of Mr. Gamble was filled with the spirit of feeling that greater opportunities awaited the American nation in the future in developing the trade and business expansion of the nation. It was a very clear and interesting address throughout and displayed a great deal of thought along the lines in which Mr. Gamble has devoted much time, and gave his hearers an insight into the future of the business world. At the close of his address Mr. Gamble was greeted by the old friends and spent a few minutes very enjoyably with them.

The auditorium of the library being such an attractive spot, the Commercial club has decided to hold its meetings there hereafter, as the rental is very reasonable and the place ideal for such gatherings.

The retiring officers of the club, President E. H. Wescott, Secretary T. H. Pollock and Treasurer F. F. Patterson, have labored very faithfully for the best interests of the organization during their term of office, and certainly are deserving of the appreciation of the members of the club and the business interests of the city for their faithful service. Mr. Patterson has served as treasurer for the past few years and has been active in the work of the club, while Mr. Wescott retires after seven years of service as secretary and president, and for the past two years he has served as the presiding head of the organization. Mr. Pollock has served in the capacity of secretary and as a member of several of the most important committees in the club during his membership, and on the good roads committee has been especially active in securing results.

## FAMILY REUNION AT HILL HOME IN HONOR OF MOTHER

From Friday's Daily.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hill was the scene today of a very pleasant family reunion when a number of the relatives of the family gathered to observe the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Thomas Hill, mother of E. C. Hill. The event was a complete surprise to the guest of honor as she was not aware of the intention of the family to tender her the pleasant surprise. Those who arrived today were: Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hartzell of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dinges of Atlantic, Ia., uncles and aunts of Mr. E. C. Hill; Mrs. W. W. Glenn of Wymore, a sister, and Mr. and Mrs. George Wood of Wota, Ia. The event was one filled with the greatest of pleasure to every member of the family.

Dawson Will Fix It.

## DEATH OF ROBT. H. FRANS OF UNION

The Deceased Was One of the Highly Respected Citizens of Cass County.

From Saturday's Daily.

Robert H. Frans, one of the best known residents of Cass county, passed away last night at 10:10 at the home in Union after an illness covering several years of suffering from paralysis with which he was first stricken three years ago. Since the time of the first visitation of the paralysis Mr. Frans' health has been failing and compelled his retirement from active business life. He has long been one of the leading business men to Cass county and his mercantile business in the town of Union was one of the largest establishments of its kind in that section of the country. His activity in business life as well as in the politics of the county has given him a wide circle of acquaintances who learn with the greatest regret of his passing. Mr. Frans during his lifetime was a follower of the democratic party and held high in the councils of that organization and for years he has been a warm personal friend of William Jennings Bryan. During his lifetime Mr. Frans has been identified with the religious work having joined with the Baptist church when a boy of seventeen and since that time has been active in the support of the church as well as in Sunday school work and in his labors for the Master found a great joy and pleasure which reflected in his upright christian life. He was for the past seven years a member of the M. W. A. order.

Robert H. Frans was born March 19, 1854, at Plum Hollow, Iowa, where the present town of Thurman is located and was reared to manhood in that locality and in the hardy life of the pioneer boy built up a rugged and strong character that was to make him later a man of force in the community where he lived. In 1876 Mr. Frans came to Cass county, Nebraska, and made his home here for a short time. He was united in marriage on October 14, 1877 to Miss Jennie Fitch and a year later the young couple moved to Buchanan county, Missouri, where the parents of Mr. Frans were residing and here they made their home for five years. In 1882, R. H. Frans and wife returned to Cass county and located near the town of Factoryville, where Mr. Frans established the store that has now grown to such proportions and a year later was joined by his father, William Frans, who associated himself in the business interests. During the residence of R. H. Frans at Factoryville he served as the postmaster holding this position for several years. In 1887 the business interests of the Frans family were transferred to the new town of Union and since that time has been the leading business house in that place. For the past few years Mr. Frans has been assisted in the conduct of the store by his two sons, Ray and Rue Frans, who with the widow are left to mourn his death.

Mr. Frans is survived by three brothers and six sisters, Augustus Frans, Kingfisher, Oklahoma; Harry Frans, Union; Colman R. Frans, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Joseph Sans and Mrs. Wyatt Hutchison, of Rock Bluffs; Mrs. Robert Cogdill, Union; Mrs. M. L. Thomas, Palmyra, Nebraska; Mrs. W. W. Wolf, of Berkeley, California and Mrs. Emma Cross, of Trolock, California. One brother, Charles W. Frans, residing at Wyoming preceded him in death two years ago.

The funeral will occur tomorrow (Sunday) at 1 P. M. at Union.

SUFFERING FROM GRIPPE.

From Friday's Daily.

Miss Margaret Hodgert has been confined to her home on High School hill for the past few days suffering from an attack of the grippe, but she is now reported as being somewhat improved. This is very pleasing news to the friends of Miss Hodgert, who hope to soon see her up and around as usual.

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## JOHN H. BUSCHE MEETS WITH SERIOUS ACCIDENT

From Friday's Daily.

The friends of John H. Busche throughout this section of the county will regret very much to learn of a misfortune that befell that gentleman a few days ago and which has kept him confined to his home since that time. Mr. Busche had taken a horse to Cedar Creek to have it shod, and while the operation of shoeing was going on the animal became restless, and while they were quieting the horse it stepped on the right foot of Mr. Busche, fracturing several of the bones and he has since been confined to his home on the farm south of Cedar Creek.

## THE COMMUNITY CENTER PROPOSITION GAINING INTEREST

From Friday's Daily.

The community center movement which is being so strongly urged by teachers and thinkers for the closer unity of the residents of communities and which has adopted the neighborhood school house as the community center, is gaining ground in Cass county and near this city one of the community clubs has been formed. This is at the Trisch school, Fairview, eleven miles west of this city, and the residents of that locality have become very enthusiastic over the idea that is destined to be so much benefit to their community. There are about thirty enrolled in the club and they propose to hold meetings and social gatherings as often as possible to more fully develop the community idea that is now just in the bud.

At the last meeting a very interesting program was enjoyed by the club, a number from this city attending and taking part in the entertainment of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rawls, Mrs. E. H. Wescott and Mrs. William Baird taking part in the pleasures of the meeting. Mrs. Wescott gave a number of delightful vocal solos while Mrs. Baird contributed several of her always enjoyable readings to the program.

Mr. C. A. Rawls gave an interesting address on rural schools and the community center movement that was enjoyed to the utmost and furnished the members of the club with much inspiration for the continuance of their work in the future in developing the community spirit. Mrs. J. W. Tritsch and Miss Barbara Ptak, teacher of the school assisted in the program with two enjoyable vocal numbers.

The work of the community center is one that should be taken up in every school district and in the discussion of the common needs and wants of the community the members can accomplish a great deal of good for themselves as well as their neighbors. The meetings held at the school house draws the members closer to one of the vital elements in American life, the public school systems and a clear understanding of the needs of the schools will give the rural communities a system of schools equal in all ways to that of the towns and cities.

## "PERCY" DEPARTS FOR KIRKVILLE, MISSOURI

Percy B. Dimmitt, the expert roller skating man, who has been here for the past two months assisting in the management of the Crystal Star roller rink, departed Sunday morning over the Burlington for Kirkville, Mo., where he goes to join the C. M. Lowe roller rink, which opens there this week. It has been two years since Mr. Dimmitt left Plattsmouth and it was hoped that on his return he would remain in our midst, and it is with much regret we part with "Percy," as he is known by all, and we hope that by good fortune we will again see him back in this city in the near future chasing the "little rollers."

Dr. Bleick, 536 World-Herald building, Omaha, specialist in eye, ear, nose and throat diseases, will be at Plattsmouth every Tuesday, at B. A. McElwain jewelry store. Eye glasses scientifically fitted. 1-29-d&w

## MASKED BALL AT GERMAN HOME A BIG SUCCESS

The grand mask ball given at the German Home Saturday evening by the Plattsmouth Turn-Verein was one of the most successful affairs of its kind that has been given in the city this season, both in point of the large attendance as well as array of costumes displayed on the dance floor by the maskers. The merry maskers spent several hours in the facinations of the dance and the spectators derived much pleasure in attempting to solve the identity of the different ones on the floor, and a great deal of enjoyment was found in this pastime. The masks were ordered removed at 11 o'clock, following the grand march, when the prizes were awarded to those who had been selected by the judges. Will Mason as Uncle Sam received the first prize, and the second prize was captured by John Vranak as "Mutt." For the first ladies' prize Miss Erma Rakow was given the honor, her costume being "Germany," while the second prize was awarded to Mrs. Harry Meisinger as "Old Mother Hubbard." Following the unmasking the floor was thronged until the close of the dance with the jolly crowd of young and old, who whiled away the time dancing to the music furnished by the Holly orchestra. The dance was a great success in every way and one that was most delightful to every one present.

## GETTING READY TO BEGIN PAINTING THE COURT HOUSE

The work of preparing for the repainting and decorating of the county court house is being pushed right along by the contractor, Frank R. Gobelman, and this morning the workmen are engaged in moving in the paint and equipment to commence the painting while others are washing the walls and ceilings which are covered by the dirt and grime of many years. The first office to be painted will be that of the county treasurer and then the commissioner's room, the office of the county clerk, judge and register of deeds will be visited by the painters. The job is one that will take considerable time owing to the extremely dirty condition of the walls and ceilings and the woodwork which has all to be thoroughly cleaned before the paint can be applied.

ENJOYS CHESS GAME.

Mathew Gering, of Plattsmouth, was in the city yesterday on business connected with the Enyart estate, representing some of the heirs. While here he looked up his friend Dr. C. P. Crudup and they at once began a series of chess games. Whether they are yet through is hard to determine as their method of playing requires several hours for a game—Nebraska City Press.

Mr. Gering is an enthusiast of this fascinating game and despite his extensive law practice finds time to enjoy a few games with his friends and ranks as a real player as those who have played chess with him can vouch for.

DAYS THAT SUIT US ALL.

When the frost is on the windows and the kitchen pail is froze; when the little icy needles come with every breath that blows; when the chilblanes make us sick and cold feet give us pain, it's safe to bet we all wish for summer days again. For while we sweat around and fume in summer clothes, it is an easy thing to cool off, as everybody knows. But it's different in the winter, when the world is full of ice, and the weather is as hard to beat as a pair of loaded dice. We may talk about our climate and about our spring and fall, but the balmy days of summer are the days that suit us all.

Mrs. Oscar Larson of Scranton, Kan., who was called here by the death of her sister, Mrs. C. S. Johnson, departed this morning for Omaha to enjoy a short visit in that city with her sister, Mrs. J. D. McBride and family.

## P. A. MEISINGER INJURED ASSISTING H. E. BECKER

Last evening P. A. Meisinger met with a very painful accident while he was assisting H. E. Becker and family in moving into their new home in the Wise property in the Second ward from their farm home west of the city. Mr. Meisinger was looking after some of the work of arranging the household goods and while out in the yard had the misfortune to fall and in doing so injured his right ankle in a very severe manner. The ankle became very much swollen and it was impossible to determine whether it was sprained or broken until the swelling goes down. Medical assistance was summoned and the injured man made as comfortable as possible, although the injured member still gives him a great deal of pain. He was compelled to remain in the city at the Becker home to receive treatment and will stay here until the exact extent of the injuries can be ascertained.

## LOYAL SONS AND DAUGHTERS ENJOY EVENING

From Friday's Daily.

The Loyal Sons and Daughters of Christian church enjoyed a very pleasant time last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Briggs and the occasion was one of the most interesting that the members have enjoyed for some time. One of the main features of the evening was the debate on the subject, "Resolved, that good intentions never made better lives" and in this the Loyal Daughters, led by Mrs. P. F. Rhin, representing the negative side of the question proved the winners against the Loyal Sons who were led in the debate by P. F. Rhin, County Attorney A. G. Cole had been invited to address the young people and gave a very interesting address along the lines of a travelogue, covering a journey through the natural beauties of Colorado, Yellowstone, Park, the Pacific northwest and the lands of Southern California and in which the speaker gave a great many interesting experiences during his visits to these localities. Mr. Cole stated that the most beautiful scene he had ever seen was on returning to Cass county he had viewed the green fields and the bounteous crops growing in the heart of the great agricultural empire of the west. During the evening the Plattsmouth male quartet composed of H. G. McClusky, Bert and R. W. Knorr and Herman Hough gave a number of delightful selections which were received by everyone with marked approval and warmly endorsed to which the quartet graciously responded.

The gathering throughout was one of pleasure and enjoyed to the utmost until the time for the members to depart homeward.

## FINED FOR WHIPPING A CHILD TOO SEVERELY

Saturday evening Melvin Newlin, residing in the vicinity of Elmwood was arraigned in the court of Judge Beeson on a complaint filed by County Attorney Cole, in which Mr. Newlin was charged with having whipped his stepson, Elmer Watts, in a very severe manner. The boy who is in the neighborhood of ten years of age, had several large black and blue spots on his back, which it was claimed was the result of the whipping and the court after hearing the evidence in the case decided that it called for a fine of \$25 and costs, amounting to \$49, and Mr. Newlin accordingly was compelled to enrich the treasury of Cass county to this extent. The lad who had received the whipping it seems had furnished provocation for punishment, but in the opinion of the court, it had been more severe than was warranted by the circumstances.

For Sale—7-room modern house with one-half block for \$2,500. Could not be duplicated for \$5,000. Windham Loan & Investment Co. 1-25-tfwkly

## THE PASSING OF A GRAND OLD LADY

Came to Cass County in 1865. Married to Francis Young in 1868, and Lived in and Near Murray Ever Since.

Yesterday at her home in Murray where she has resided for the past few years since the death of her husband, Mrs. Francis M. Young, Sr., was called to her last long rest after an illness covering the past three weeks. Mrs. Young was taken sick on the celebration of her seventy-seventh birthday, January 10th, and since that time has gradually grown weaker until yesterday when she passed away. The death was due to the contracting of a severe case of the grippe followed by a general breakdown and despite all that the loving hands of the children and medical skill could do she gradually continued to grow weaker until death came to her relief. Mrs. Young is one of the old residents of the Murray neighborhood coming there more than fifty years ago and was a lady universally loved and esteemed by those with whom she was known throughout the county. These old friends will join in the grief of the family over the death of the beloved mother and to the bereaved ones the sympathy of the entire community goes out in this, one of the saddest hours of their lives as they part from them loved one and to await the reunion in another world more fair than this.

Sarah Elvira Lewis was born in Platte county, Missouri, January 19, 1845, and it was in that community that she spent her early girlhood days, removing to Nebraska with her parents in the year 1865, at the close of the civil war and for a number of years resided on the homestead east of the present town of Murray. She was married to Francis M. Young, Sr., February 27, 1868, and since their marriage this estimable couple has continued to make their home in the vicinity of Murray, until the death of the husband a number of years ago which broke the happy years of wedded life and since that time the mother has spent her time in the enjoyment of the society of the children who remained to bless her closing years of life. To bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Young eight children were born, two of whom preceded the parents in death and six remain to mourn the death of the beloved mother. Mrs. T. J. White, Madison, California; Mrs. Lloyd Gopen, Murray; Burton O. Young, Murray; Mrs. Warren Wiley, Murray; Arthur Young and Mrs. Harry Creamer, Murray. All of the children were present at the bedside of the mother when she passed away with the exception of Mrs. Creamer who is at the hospital in Omaha recovering from a surgical operation.

Mrs. Young more than fifty years ago joined with the Christian church and has been a devout member of that faith until death. Her christian life will be an example for the family and friends to cherish as that of a grand good woman in her devotion to duty and love of her fellow man.

The funeral services of this worthy lady was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Christian church in Murray and a large number of the old friends and neighbors from miles around were present to pay their last tributes of respect to her memory. The burial was had at the Young cemetery where the body was laid to its last long sleep beside that of the husband and children. The pall bearers consisted of the two sons, Burton and Arthur Young, three sons-in-laws, Lloyd Gopen, Warren Wiley and Harry Creamer and one grandson, Oliver Gopen.

Mrs. F. A. Jones of Ruskin, Neb., who has been visiting here for a short time with her mother, Mrs. J. T. Baird and other relatives, departed this morning for her home and was accompanied by her sister, Miss Carrie Baird.

Mrs. H. Thomsen was among those going to Omaha this morning, where she will visit for a short time in that city with friends and look after some business matters.