

BIG RED CROSS MEETING HELD AT PARMELE

Meeting Presided Over by Judge Begley, and Father Shine Made a Fine Address, as Well as Others.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Red Cross meeting held at the Parmele theater last evening was attended by a very pleasing number of those interested in this line of work and was one that was intense in its enthusiasm for the great cause for which the American people are now devoting their energies throughout the land. The Holly orchestra, before the formal opening of the meeting, gave several very pleasing numbers that were very much enjoyed.

The meeting was presided over by District Judge Begley, president of the local chapter of the Red Cross, who in his opening remarks gave a brief resume of the work of the society and the aims of those who were raising the funds for the protection of the soldiers and sailors of the nation. The work of the Red Cross in both peace and war was one of humanity. From the inception of the society in 1856 until the present day the Red Cross had been found active in caring for the suffering of humanity, whether on the battlefield or in some great disaster such as has several times visited different sections of the nation. In sending the army of the United States into battle it was necessary to provide for their care and to give to the boys at the front the assurance that they would be cared for when wounded and broken on the field, and it was to this work that the money of the Red Cross would be expended. It was a necessity for the American people to respond at once to the call for money to provide the field hospitals and bases for the care of the American boys. The war had been forced upon the American people, the speaker stated, and forced them from their position as a neutral nation, to defend their rights upon land and sea. With the war on and the army soon to leave for the front, it was time to contribute liberally to the Red Cross and not wait until too late to try and aid those who had been sufferers on the battlefield and died because of the lack of proper care on the field and in the hospitals. It was the moment at hand that demanded the funds for the establishing the means for caring for the boys of America. In this county \$20,000 of the \$24,000 asked had been subscribed, and it was hoped to pass the figures estimated and to turn over to the national organization a great sum for the aid and comfort of the suffering.

Lieutenant George Kimbrell of Company C, Fourth Nebraska, touched on the medical work in the army in a brief manner, telling a little of the effective methods used in the concentration camps by the medical department in handling the cases of the sick and ailing, and which resulted in keeping the troops in good condition. At the camp last year in Texas, the Nebraska hospital corps had the care of 10,000 men, although greatly handicapped, and that their work had been splendidly done. The sanitary department of each regiment, composed of thirty-three men and three officers, had kept a constant eye on the conditions of the camps and the medical department with their sick call each day and had kept the men in good shape. The Fourth had lost only one man during their stay at the border and this was due to drowning. When the first divisions of troops from America reached France they would be subjected to the most intense training, and against their section of the line the German army would hurl their most seasoned troops and devices for warfare. The Red Cross was giving great aid to the troops and it was the time to prepare to give the needed aid to the troops that would soon be in the field. If a person could not fight they should aid by giving to assist the army in the field.

William A. Robertson, who has been in the forefront of the Red Cross work in the past week, told a little of the work that the committee had carried out in the different sections of the county, and the splendid manner in

which the people from every section had responded to the call. He had traveled 700 miles over the country and had met with hearty response from all classes of people. The greatest difficulty experienced had been in getting the facts of the Red Cross before the people, but when they had learned what it meant the dollars had come rolling in to aid the cause. On Wednesday the workers from over the county would meet at Weeping Water to perfect the organization for future calls in the work of aiding the army and navy by caring for those who were wounded or suffering. It was the object in holding the meeting to get the community in touch with the Red Cross work. A few months would see the American boys on the battlefield and perhaps those from our midst and held dear to the residents of Plattsmouth and Cass county might be swept down, and then it would bring to those that suffered a thought of home to know that the means for their care and treatment had come from the dear ones at home, and that their welfare was held in the hearts of the ones at their firesides. A dollar given for the Red Cross might aid in saving the life of an American boy and it would certainly be well spent. The speaker stated that his respect and admiration for the people of Cass county had grown a thousand per cent since the great Red Cross campaign had brought him in closer touch with them and he saw the generous response of the people to the call of humanity.

One of the most eloquent addresses of the evening was delivered by Father M. A. Shine of St. John's church of this city, and which was characterized by its splendid patriotic notes and thrilling appeal to his hearers in behalf of the boys of the army and the navy for their comfort and care. Father Shine spoke briefly of the great principals upon which the republic was founded and the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that had been guaranteed by the laws of the land. The greatest boon of all mankind was freedom and liberty such as the American citizen enjoyed, and it was to protect and defend these rights against the aggressive foes of free government that the sword had been unsheathed. The American flag and the American government had stood for the principles of liberty since the foundation of the republic and would continue to stand for them during this struggle, and the cause was worthy of the splendid young men who were to keep unsullied the flag of the land of the free. To give to the Red Cross, Father Shine stated, was not charity, but a duty that every citizen owed to themselves to perform and if they did not do this they were lacking in the real spirit of patriotism. Give and give liberally was the advice of Father Shine, to make possible the triumph of the free nations of the world in the present struggle.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICIALS OF MASONIC LODGE

From Tuesday's Daily.

Last evening the members of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. and A. M., gathered at their lodge room in the Masonic temple to attend the installation of the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year. The impressive ceremony was conducted by the officers of the lodge in placing the new officers in the stations to which they have been elected. The officers installed were: W. M., W. J. Streight; S. W., A. O. Moore; J. W., Nelson Jean; S. D., John McLean; J. D., W. G. Brooks; J. S., E. A. Wurl.

Two of the newly elected officers were not present and will be installed in their stations later by the worshipful master of the lodge. After the ceremony and the transaction of the routine business of the lodge the meeting was adjourned to permit the members to reach home before the threatening storm broke upon them.

V. V. LEONARD POORLY.

This morning V. V. Leonard of this city, who has been in poor health for some time, was taken quite ill at his home with a sinking spell and medical assistance was called, but the patient is feeling somewhat better this afternoon and is able to be around as usual.

COUNCIL HOLDS BRIEF SESSION

Intense Heat Pushes Matters, and That All Necessary Business Was Transacted.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The intense heat of yesterday made the council chamber at the city hall anything but comfortable last night when the regular meeting of the council was held, and it served to spur the members of that body on to close up their work and hit for the open air. There was not a great deal to demand the attention of the members and they were able to put the business of the session over in rapid order.

Mayor Sattler reported that the board of health of the city had held a meeting on Friday of last week to devise a uniform method of dealing with all cases of contagious diseases and that this meeting had been attended by the different physicians of the city, who had agreed upon the details of the health ordinance that will be prepared by the city attorney for the use of the city in the future.

In regard to the city securing a pulmotor Mayor Sattler stated that he thought it a very important matter and one that might save a great many lives if it were possible to secure one, and a person who could operate it. With the use of one of these instruments he said that the tragedy of Sunday might have been averted, and he thought that the cost of the motor would be more than paid for in the good that it might do in case of accidents.

On motion of Lischinsky the city clerk was ordered to write to the pulmotor company and have them send a man here to demonstrate the machine and with a view of the city purchasing one for use in the city.

Chief P. H. Fields of the fire department transmitted a report to the council in regard to the installing of a fire bell for use as an alarm in the city. Mr. Field stated that at the Dovey fire as well as that of the Baylor barn, there had been considerable delay in getting the alarm turned in and this had interfered to a great extent with the fire department reaching the scene of action as soon as they should. The chief suggested that if it was not possible to erect a tower on the lot of the city hall as had been at first proposed, that one be placed on the city hall, where the fire bell might be installed. Councilman Johnson was of the opinion that as the council had passed upon the proposition before and the condition of the city had not warranted the expenditure of the money at this time he did not believe that further consideration was expedient. The communication was referred to the fire and water committee for further action.

Councilman Bestor, of the streets, alleys and bridges committee presented the estimates made by the engineering firm of Bruce and Standevan on the paving of Chicago avenue. The engineers have prepared four classes of brick block paving, similar to that used on the Washington avenue paving, and classified as A to D, with the following figures as the estimated cost of the same: Class A, \$35,802; Class B, \$33,489; Class C, \$34,259; Class D, \$32,649.

On motion the estimates were accepted and placed on file, and the plans and specifications of the proposed paving will be examined thoroughly by the members of the council before being acted on at the next meeting of the council.

Councilman Harris of the cemetery committee called the attention of the council to the fact that the fence at Oak Hill cemetery was in bad shape, and on motion the same was ordered repaired. Councilman Buttery stated that a number of lot owners in the cemetery had asked him in regard to putting fences around their lots in that place, and he desired to be informed whether or not there was anything in the city ordinance prohibiting it. Mayor Sattler stated that the city had several years ago adopted an ordinance prohibiting the fencing of lots in the cemetery as it interfered with the cutting of the grass and care of the cemetery.

Councilman Vondran of the parks and improvement committee, informed the council that the blue prints of the sewers of the city were being prepared by County Surveyor Patterson

and he would have the work ready as soon as possible.

Councilman Buttery also presented to the council the complaint of several residents in the north part of the city against a gas engine at the Propst garage, which was the cause of disturbing the residents of that neighborhood, and he desired that the owners of the engine be requested to have a muffler placed on the engine.

Mayor Sattler presented the report from the committee on the street fair held here during the week of June 11, and which showed that \$2,511.65 had been taken in by the carnival company, and ten per cent of which amount (\$251.16) had been turned over to the city. Mayor Sattler stated that from other sources the receipts would bring the total secured for the use of the fire department in the purchase of a chemical engine up to \$300.

CHEAP ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE

Chancellor Bradford, of the University of Oklahoma, recently contributed to the Lyceum Magazine an article which is worthy of careful consideration. The article was brought about by the chancellor's observation that many towns seemed content to let their children grow up at the mercy of cheap and trashy entertainments, absorbing improper ideals, creating false standards of morals, and otherwise degrading themselves. He said:

"Cheap entertainment is like cheap soil—it won't grow much but weeds. It is not far from cheap entertainment to bad entertainment; it smells bad as long as the shells of the stuff are around.

"Young people are worth more than calves, and as the farmer doesn't like to feed skim milk to calves, it does seem odd that parents expect their children to get high ideals from entertainment that has the inspiration skimmed off.

"Out in Iowa I hear farmers complain of not being able to fatten cattle on soft corn. To finish them they must ship in hard corn. It is expensive, too, but it must be had. It pays. We know young people cannot any more come to their big place in life on soft mushy entertainment than we can top the cattle market with cattle fed on soft corn. Of course we want our children to be the best and get the best; but we ourselves are busy and we hope that they will somehow, somewhere find the best themselves.

"Some folks are mean enough to say that children want cheap entertainment—they can't appreciate any other kind. There never was a greater untruth told than that. These folks thought because the children giggled at cheap entertainment they liked it. Children also make more noise eating soup than in eating meat.

"If any community has taught its young people to prefer the cheap stuff what is the plan for the future? Keep on serving up cheaper and cheaper? Or begin before it is too late with a program entertaining and uplifting?"

"Good common sense talk, which Chancellor Bradford loosens. And, perhaps unintentionally, he has pointed the reason for the tremendous growth of the chautauqua during the past few years. Home town folks are rather far-seeing folks, and wise in their own generation.

TOM HENDRICKS.

VERY HEAVY RAINSTORM.

From Tuesday's Daily.

One of the most intense electrical storms of the season visited this section last evening and for several hours the skies were ablaze with lightning, while the thunder served to keep the majority of the residents of the city awake. The storm was followed by a heavy rain and an inch and five-eighths of rainfall was registered at the Burlington station. West of this city the storm was even heavier, and in the vicinity of Cullom two inches of rain is reported and a portion of the Burlington track is under water. A work train was caught there by the storm and is now caught between two washouts. A very heavy rain is also reported at Ashland.

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THE FUNERAL OF MERLE PARMELE HELD YESTERDAY

Services Attended by Very Large Number of the Friends and Associates Yesterday Afternoon.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the funeral services of the late Merle Parmele was held from the home on Marble street, and the vast number of friends and associates attending attested the deep feeling of love and respect entertained in the community for this estimable young man whose death had come so suddenly upon the community Sunday morning, when he was drowned at the Sage farm in Mills county, Iowa.

The services were conducted by Elder Case of Omaha, of the Latter Day Saints' church, and were very impressive throughout. The minister spoke to those left behind a word of comfort in their bereavement and held out to the sorrow stricken hearts the promise of the future, when those who have parted should be gathered home to rest and where the bitterness and sting of separation would come no more, but all might gather into the arms of the Master in everlasting peace. A quartet composed of Mesdames E. H. Westcott, Charles Jelinek and Messrs. W. G. Brooks and E. H. Westcott gave a number of the well loved hymns of love and hope, and brought to those who grieved a comfort through their faith.

The wealth of floral remembrances silently attested the feeling of sorrow that this occasion had brought forth in the community where Mr. Parmele had been reared to manhood and where he was held very dear by a large circle of warm friends. At the close of the services the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery, where it was laid to rest in the family burial lot.

This young man was one who in his life time made many friends by his quiet manner and his consideration and treatment of all those with whom he came in contact, and these have felt deeply the loss of his companionship and pleasant personality. To the parents and the others near and dear to him who has gone from them for a little while, the deepest sympathy goes out in what is one of the bitterest hours of life.

It is a striking coincidence in the tragic death of Mr. Parmele that two others of his boyhood playmates in the town of Elmwood have also been called away in a similar manner, Joy Kear and Tom Swearingen, and this makes the third of the boyhood friends who have met death in the same manner.

CONSOLIDATION OF FOUR RURAL DISTRICTS NEAR GREENWOOD

From Wednesday's Daily.

The consolidation of four of the rural school districts in the vicinity of Greenwood is to be taken up tomorrow evening at a meeting to be held at the home of Mr. H. C. Backmeyer, a few miles southeast of Greenwood, and at which time the question will be discussed at length by the school authorities. County Superintendent Miss Eda Marquardt will be in attendance as well as a representative from the office of the state superintendent, and they will explain to the residents of the school districts the matter of school consolidation. If the Greenwood districts decide upon consolidation they will have the distinction of being the first rural schools in the county to adopt this new and up-to-date method of education. In a number of cases the county schools have established rural schools, but this will be the first case of a strictly modern consolidation school system which will give the patrons of the schools better and more effective teaching in all departments, from the lower grades into the high school. This will give the pupils the advantage of a good foundation for their education and assures that they will have the best possible advantages.

MISS MILDRED ALLEN CELEBRATES HER SIXTH BIRTHDAY

From Wednesday's Daily.

Monday afternoon the little friends of Mildred Allen gathered at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Allen in South Park, to assist her in celebrating her sixth birthday anniversary. The children spent the afternoon in various games and other amusements, which afforded them much pleasure. They were also entertained with several selections on the victrola, which they enjoyed very much. At a suitable time dainty refreshments, consisting of ice cream and cake, were served. Little Miss Mildred was made the recipient of many handsome and useful gifts, which will be constant reminders of her sixth birthday. It was a late hour when, after wishing Mildred many more happy birthdays, the little ones wended their way homeward. Those in attendance were: Mildred Murray, Katherine Wynn, Lorena Wynn, Mabel Sheldon, Edna Stevenson, Edna Rummelfield, Mildred Elliott, Gladys Price, Daisy and John Steucklin, Kenneth Poisal, John Hale, Donald and Glen Allen, Mildred Allen and her teacher, Miss Anna Rys, and sister, Josephine Rys.

RAIN DOES CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE WEST OF PLATTSMOUTH

From Wednesday's Daily.

West of Plattsmouth along the Four Mile and Eight Mile creeks the heavy rains of the past two days and nights has played havoc with the roads and bridges and a large part of the corn that is situated along the creeks. The storm of Monday night did the greatest damage, approaching in intensity the dimensions of a cloudburst, and sweeping down through the hills, bringing with it a great volume of water that washed the lowlands and placed six of the bridges along the creeks out of commission and made travel over the roads a matter of difficulty. Road Supervisor C. F. Vallery, of Plattsmouth precinct, has enough trouble caused by the storm to keep him busy for several weeks with nothing but bridge work. Three of the large bridges over the Four and Eight Mile creeks have been swept away and a number of the smaller bridges and culverts have been washed out and made travel over the roads a very doubtful matter. The bridge near the Will Rummelfield farm, as well as near that of Chris Metzger, has been washed out and the force of the water was so intense as to completely turn one of the bridges over. In the lowlands along the Eight Mile creek in the vicinity of the farm of John Kaffenberger the creek approached the dimensions of a river and the flood water came clear to the sheds and barns of Mr. Kaffenberger and over the entire valley the same conditions prevailed. On the bridge over the Eight Mile on the Louisville road a large log was washed clear over the bridge floor and is now lodged where it is a striking example of how high the water really reached.

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THE DEATH OF A GRAND GOOD MAN

Mr. J. H. Meisinger, a Highly Esteemed Citizen of Cass, Died Suddenly on Tuesday Last.

In the death of J. H. Meisinger, one of the old residents of Cass county, and one of its leading citizens, the community has experienced a loss that will be hard to replace and one that has come as a distinct shock to the many friends throughout the county. Mr. Meisinger was taken very suddenly Tuesday at 12:30 at his home south of Cedar Creek and before assistance could reach his side had passed away from the attack of heart failure. The end of life came to him while he was seated in a chair conversing with the members of the family and came as a great blow to the wife and children of this estimable citizen. One of the strong and sturdy residents of the county, and coming from a family that has done much in the upbuilding of the community, Mr. Meisinger has left the impression of his life upon the history of Cass county by his contribution to its development and improvement.

J. H. Meisinger was born April 15, 1844, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and when a child of but two years of age was brought to America by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Meisinger, to find a new home in the land of the free, where they were to rear their family to become a great factor in the development of the then unknown west. The family settled near Pekin, Ill., where Mr. Meisinger resided until thirty years of age, when he came to Nebraska to find his future home. Mr. Meisinger was married on April 20, 1868, at Pekin, to Miss Catherine Saal, who, with the children, Adam, George L., Jacob, Philip, W. H., Allie Meisinger, Mrs. Anton Meisinger Mrs. Louis Born, Mrs. George Horn, all of whom except Mrs. Horn, who lives near Creighton, are residents of Cedar Creek and vicinity. On coming to Cass county Mr. Meisinger located on the homestead near Cedar Creek, where his brothers, Baltz, J. M., Conrad, George P., Jacob and P. H. Meisinger, also made their homes on farms, and have assisted in the development of that portion of the county. Mr. Meisinger is the third of seven brothers to pass to the great beyond, being preceded in death by his brothers, Baltz and J. M. Meisinger, and the four remaining brothers are left to share the grief that his death has brought. In early life the departed was united with the Lutheran church and passed away in full faith with the teachings of that religion.

The funeral services of this grand good man will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Glendale church near Cedar Creek at 3 o'clock. The funeral will leave the home at 2 o'clock and proceed to the church, where the services will be held at 3 o'clock. The interment will be had at the Glendale cemetery.

S. C. Boyles of Alvo was in the city for a few hours today looking after several matters of importance at the county house.

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