

H. S. STUDENTS PAST MASTERS AT PLAY ART

AS SHOWN BY THEIR RENDITION OF NEW PLAY WRITTEN BY PRIN. RICHARDSON

PROCEEDS TO NEW GYM FUND

Production Will be Repeated Tonight and Tomorrow Night—Parts All Aply Handled.

From Friday's Daily. Last evening at the auditorium of the Public Library, was given for the first time the play being given by the High school students the last three nights of this week for the benefit of a gymnasium fund for the new High school.

The play is a product of the pen of Principal C. Richardson, and in its production is reflected no small amount of credit to the author who has shown himself a composer and writer of more than ordinary ability, producing a play which ven surpasses that of many a professional play writer.

The cast of characters was well selected—a thing, essential to the success of any production—there being a genuine artist back of every part. The play, as a whole, contained enough climaxes to cover the entire time from the beginning to the end. It might have been better had the neighbors not borrowed the pastor and his good wife out of house and home. The borrower, Mr. Ludwig Hallas, was a past master at the art and was working all of the time. The pastor's wife, Miss Mary Rosencrans, could not have done better had she been brought up with the stage as her playhouse. Parson Holson was a difficult part, but was ably played by Roscoe Hill who took the leads like a duck takes to water. Miss Alva Hartford was their dutiful daughter, and was an artist at knitting. She turned down the borrowers with as much apparent ease as a sophomore would flip a street car. She demonstrated her ability as a player by the way she did not bake the cookies. The Scrubbins family, who were near neighbors, was composed of Farmer Scrubbins, Ma Scrubbins and their son, Ezekiel, Carl Thomas, as Farmer Scrubbins, was an adept in raising potatoes and wearing a comforter, making a typical farmer, and he played his part to absolute perfection. Ma Scrubbins, (Miss Elenor Burnie) was one of those women who have to battle against adverse circumstances, but who always find a way of circumventing any disagreeable contingency. Their son, Ezekiel, as played by LeRoy Winscott, was a most determined character, bent on the sole idea of getting there, let happen what would, and with a firm conviction that he would succeed, which he did. June Marshall, as the son of the minister and his wife—yes, our own June—was a dandy, and when it came to differing with the deacon and getting by with it, he sure did carry his point and bring home the bacon. Still he was not very easy on the furniture.

It was 8:14 when we arrived, and before we had deposited our bread and butter in the window and gotten a chair where we could see the stage and hear the music, the High school orchestra, which, by the way, is composed of young people who will some day make their mark in the world, struck up the old familiar tune, "Johnnie, Get Your Gun." Just then the curtain was dragged aside and the play was on. It was filled with excitement until the lambrakins shut out the view. While the scenes were shifting, Mrs. Richardson gave a reading on "Putting the Children to Bed." Her rendition of the article showed she had had personal experience in the matter, as well as being able to give the reading. Her response with the "Moo, Cow, Moo" was so true to life that we who have to pay ten cents per quart for milk, wanted to take a pail and get some of the real article as the hired man busied himself with the chores.

To have gotten any more out of

the play would have been a most difficult task and taking the entertainment all in all it was worth many times the price charged, which the reporter did not have to pay.

The play will be repeated again tonight and tomorrow night and if Henry Herold does as well at filling the house as he did last night, much of the expense of equipping the new gym room will have been met.

TAKEN SICK ON TRAIN.

From Friday's Daily. Last night traveling on the Burlington train number ten, which passes through Plattsmouth at one forty-six in the morning, Clarence Wagner was taken violently sick, and had to be removed from the train. He was taken with an epileptic fit, and stayed at the Burlington station where he rested on a cot, but this morning when number six departed was but a little better, not having sufficient strength to enable him to continue the journey. He has been at Great Falls, Montana, and was going to his home at Burns, Indiana, to spend Christmas.

ON THEIR WEDDING TRIP

From Friday's Daily. Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bonge, of, well, we will say, of Omaha, for they expect to make their home in that city, arrived from Lucerne, Kansas, where they were united in marriage yesterday. They are stopping with a sister of Mr. Bonge, Mrs. C. L. Pease and husband. In company with Mrs. Pease they departed this afternoon for Omaha, where they will visit for a short time and will return for a longer visit with relatives here before settling down to make their home in Omaha.

RESTS AT EIGHT MILE GROVE.

From Friday's Daily. Today at noon was held the last sad rites over the remains of Winfield Scott Brown who a few days since died at the Clarkson Hospital at Omaha, on account of blood poisoning, caused by a slight injury on one of his hands resulting affection of hte blood, and consequent death. The injury was not supposed to be of a serious nature, and but little was thought about it at the time of the injury. About a week since he was taken to the hospital on account of the seriousness of the injury, but while all was done which could be done he passed away. The remains come to this city, where they were received by Undertaker J. P. Sattler and conveyed to the Eight Mile grove church, where the services were held by Rev. Surface, who formerly was the minister of the United Brethren church, south of this city delivering the funeral address. Mr. Brown was born at Wilton, Maine, October 24th, 1849, and was a brother of Mrs. Levi Rusterholtz, coming to Nebraska, about fifty years ago, and has made his home with his sister and family during the half century just past.

The interment was made in the Eight Mile Grove cemetery, near where he has lived for so many years. Mr. Brown was an excellent man, kind and always desiring to do for his fellow men what he could.

MARRIED AT NEBRASKA CITY

From Friday's Daily. Last Wednesday, slipping away from their friends and the maddening crowd, Mr. E. C. Marler and Edna Warren went to Nebraska City where they were joined in wedlock. The young people are well known here, where they have a large number of friends, who wish them joy, happiness and prosperity in their journey through life. They will make their home on a farm near Nehawka.

WON'T STAND HITCHED

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday mention was made in this paper of a divorce which was to have been presented in court but wasn't because the Judge was elsewhere. Today the plaintiff appeared, but on account of the negligence of some one proper notification had not been made and the defendant did not appear. The case was continued until the 27th, when another effort will be made to loosen the ties which have bound the parties together in matrimony. Where one can't stand hitched, it is better that the hitching had not been done.

CHRISTMAS BUSINESS IS GOOD AS EVER

IS THE CONCENSUS OF OPINION AMONG LOCAL DEALERS, WHO ARE ALL BUSY.

EFFECTS OF WAR NOT FELT

With Big Rush in Holiday Buying Yet to Come, Record of Many Dealers will be Shattered

From Thursday's Daily. "Any falling off of Christmas trade over last year or other years?" and other similar questions put to Plattsmouth merchants elicit replies so near alike as to furnish conclusive evidence that the fact that the nation is at war has not served to cut down the spirit of giving in this vicinity. With the big rush of late buying

JUDGE M. ARCHER VERY SICK.

From Thursday's Daily. Police magistrate M. Archer is very sick at his home in this city having been confined to his bed for the past few days, but is reported as being somewhat improved today but still not able to leave his bed. The judge who is above eighty years of age has not been feeling very well for some time past, but while he has been around the house has not been able to be down town for the past ten days. It is hoped that he will be able to be about again soon.

OPERATED UPON YESTERDAY

From Thursday's Daily. A message from J. M. Cunningham, who is at Rochester, Minnesota, tells of an operation having been performed upon his wife at Mayo Brothers hospital, for the removal of Goitre, which was a delicate performance. The affliction was a double goitre, one on the inside of the tissue and the other on the outside. The inner one was located on the windpipe, and has grown fast which made the removal more difficult. Although of a serious nature, the operation proved most success-

ONLY A VOLUNTEER

Why didn't I wait to be drafted?
And be led to the train by a band,
And put in a claim for exemption?
Oh! Why did I hold up my hands?
Why didn't I wait for a banquet?
Why didn't I wait to be cheered?
For the drafted men get the credit,
While I merely volunteered.

And nobody gave me a banquet,
And nobody said a kind word.
The grind of the wheels of the engine
Was all the good-bye I heard.
Then off to the camp I was hustled
To be trained for the next half-year;
And then in the shuffle forgotten—
For I was only a volunteer.

Maybe some day in the future
When my little boy sits on my knee
And asks what I did in the conflict;
And his little eyes look up to me—
I will have to look back on him blushing
To the eyes that so trustingly peer;
And tell him I missed being drafted—
I was only a volunteer.

—Author Anonymous.

yet to come, previous store records of a number of dealers give promise of being shattered, so great is the demand for holiday merchandise.

The slogan, "Business as usual," could well be applied to the situation here. Every day the stores of our city are filled with people coming from great distances to purchase here—people brought here by the power of advertising—and they are proving most liberal in their expenditures, all of which proves further that, despite the money that has been donated to various causes and the large amount that has been loaned to the government, there is still an abundance of good, hard American dollars left in Cass county.

The Journal is pleased to note this condition in business circles at this time when some of the more pessimistic have been predicting that business would be hurt and people would curtail on every hand the expenditure of money on account of the existing war.

LYING VERY SICK AT FATHERS.

From Thursday's Daily. Some few days since Mrs. Ralph Marshall, arrived here and was taken very sick, while visiting at the home of Mr. Marshall's father, Dr. C. A. Marshall, and has continued to grow worse, and yesterday Dr. Marshall telegraphed, his son Ralph Marshall who was in Chicago, of the seriousness of his wife, and he hastened to come to her bedside. Mrs. Marshall is very seriously sick, and every effort is being put forth for her care and relief from the sickness.

For Sale or Rent—My seven room residence in Murray. Mrs. J. W. Berger.

ful and after it was over and the patient had recovered she was resting nicely. This will be good news to the many friends of Mrs. Cunningham in this city.

IN COUNTY COURT YESTERDAY

From Thursday's Daily. Paxton, Gallagher & Company vs. William Deles Denier, was the title of a hearing in the county court yesterday, wherein the plaintiffs claimed that the defendant had collected amounts for them to the extent of some \$75. After the hearing a judgment was rendered according to the petition, with the costs of the prosecution added.

MRS. RHIN IMPROVING.

From Friday's Daily. Mrs. Phillip Rhin, who some time ago was operated upon for the removal of a pus cyst, and who has since been showing progress toward recovery, is reported to still be progressing, but as yet her vision which was affected has not entirely recovered, though the indications are it will continue to improve as the patient gains in strength.

WILL MAKE HOME IN ALLIANCE.

From Thursday's Daily. Mrs. Edward McCulley, who yesterday settled with the Metropolitan Insurance Company, the death benefit on account of the death of her husband a short time since, in company with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Louis Lahoda departed this morning for Alliance, where she will make her home this winter. Whether she will continue to live there after that she is not at this time certain.

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PAY TO SOLDIERS' WIVES IS NOW ON THE WAY TO THEM.

DEPENDENTS ARE FINALLY BEGINNING TO RECEIVE NOVEMBER CHECKS.

A Relief to Hundreds of Families in This District who Have Been Waiting This Action.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Distribution for Christmas time of government allowances and soldiers' allotments to dependents of enlisted men was started today by the war risk bureau. By Christmas day thousands of wives, widowed mothers and other dependents of soldiers will have their first payments, representing the amount due for November and the distribution will continue steadily thereafter.

Most checks are for \$20 or \$25, representing \$15 or half the monthly pay of the enlisted soldier, with added government allowances ranging from \$5 for a motherless child to \$15 for a wife with further sums for dependent children. Allotments of part pay of the soldier are compulsory.

The news of the sending out of the soldiers' allotments will be received gratefully by hundreds of soldiers' families in the seven states from which the men at Camp Funston are drawn. Many of the soldiers were receiving letters from their wives that they and their children or aged dependents were beginning to suffer. The governor of Arizona telegraphed to inquire why the allotment was being held up.

CELEBRATED 85TH BIRTHDAY.

From Saturday's Daily. Mrs. E. E. Goodwin, mother of R. L. Propst, who makes her home with him, Thursday the 20th of December celebrated her eighty-fifth birthday, she being born at Franklin in Pendleton County, Virginia, where she spent her childhood. In 1853, when just twenty-one years of age, she with her parents moved to Davenport, Iowa, where she lived until 1869 and at that time coming to this state and settling just west of Plattsmouth, having lived here nearly half century, or forty-eight years. Mrs. Goodwin, is hale and hearty, gets around in fairly good shape notwithstanding the fact that she has been crippled for a number of years.

TO SPEND CHRISTMAS IN SOUTH

From Saturday's Daily. Mrs. Otto Wurl and little son, Otto, Jr., who have been staying in Plattsmouth during the time that Mr. Wurl has been in the service, go now to join the husband and father, Lieutenant Otto Wurl, of the Illinois National Guards, at Houston, Texas. Mrs. Wurl expects to be away until after the holidays.

ELEVEN IN JOURNAL OFFICE

From Saturday's Daily. Among those unfamiliar with the workings of an up-to-date newspaper office such as the Journal it is quite generally believed that not more than six or eight at most are employed in the producing of the paper. This is erroneous, however. As the crosses began to grow in number on the Red Cross banner in our window, even those familiar with the office expressed wonder each time a new cross was posted that we had not yet reached 100 per cent. Seven, eight, nine and ten followed each other rapidly, and the end was not yet. The eleventh cross has now been placed on the banner and we are able to announce "100 per cent" along with many other of the business houses of the city. It may be somewhat of a revelation to readers of the Journal generally to learn that eleven people are actively engaged in producing the paper that brings them home the news every day.

MARRIED LAST EVENING.

From Thursday's Daily. Last evening Walter Bessch, aged 23 and Miss Ida Cleveland, aged 22, appeared before Judge A. J. Beeson,

and asked that permit be granted them to marry, this was done and they thinking that one good turn deserved another requested that he perform the ceremony which the officiating official did, and calling the county clerk in as a witness the ceremony was performed and the young couple went on their way rejoicing. They will make their home on a farm near Wabash, where they are making their home at present. They with their folks are just recently from Missouri.

ARRESTED BY OFFICER JONES.

From Saturday's Daily. The two youthful runaways, which were from Omaha and whom Sheriff Quinton returned to their homes yesterday, were rounded up and arrested by Officer Jones, and brought to the city jail. From there they were turned over to the county, who took them to Omaha.

VISITED HERE WITH COUSIN.

From Saturday's Daily. Last evening Misses Hazel and Virgie Hunnicutt, the former having been teaching in the Friend college at Central City, while the latter was visiting with her sister for some time past, arrived in the city, and visited over night and this morning with their cousin, Miss Crete Briggs, departing this forenoon on the Burlington for their homes at Indianola, Iowa, to spend the holidays.

VISIT SON AT DEMING.

From Saturday's Daily. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Creamer of this city have received a letter from J. B. Meisinger and wife of Lincoln, who are visiting their son LeRoy Meisinger, who is Sergeant in Statistical Section, 34th Division, Headquarters, at Deming, New Mexico. The work consists of making the daily reports of the entire camp, number of officers, men sick and well, number of horses, mules and the like. Mr. and Mrs. Meisinger are spending Christmas with their son and find him well and looking better than he ever did. They also saw Clarence Staats and he is also, looking and feeling fine. Mr. and Mrs. Meisinger visited their son at the camp and saw how the boys were situated. Mr. Meisinger and family are former residents of this city, but for the past few years have been making their home in Lincoln, and have a large circle of friends in this vicinity, who will be pleased to know that LeRoy is getting along so nicely.

BUYING JUNK WITHOUT LICENSE

From Saturday's Daily. Yesterday, Chief of Police Barclay arrested J. Janger of 1826 north 19th St., Omaha, who was plying the avocation of buying junk in the city of Plattsmouth, not having paid a license for doing the business in this city. Upon depositing of a cash bond of \$15.00 and Mr. Barclay retaining the purchases as evidence, Mr. Janger was released to appear at trial.

FOR SALE.

Good young work team for sale reasonable. 7 years old, weight 2400 lbs. Inquire of Ira Bates, Cedar Creek. 12-19-4twkly

STREET RIOTERS IN ARGENTINE CRY FOR GERMAN WAR

MOUNTED PATROLS CALLED OUT TO DISPERSE THE ANGRY CROWDS OF PEOPLE

Immediate Rupture With Kaiser Demanded by Excited Populace at Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Dec. 21.—As the result of the publication of the telegrams sent by Count von Luxburg, the former German minister, to the Berlin foreign office, it again has been necessary to call out mounted patrols to disperse crowds of people who demanded a rupture of relations with Germany.

The mob which was shouting "long live the republic" and "death to President Irigoyen" was dispersed after a fight with the mounted police in the Calle Florida.

Heavy guards again have been placed over the property owned by Germans in the city and mounted men also are guarding the office of the newspaper La Union, for which Count von Luxburg obtained a subsidy.

In political circles certainty is expressed that congress will demand explanations from the government regarding the state of affairs as exposed by the von Luxburg telegrams. The general belief is that the publication of the documents will lead to new demands for the severance of relations with Germany, congress having already refused to sanction the budget appropriation for continuing the Argentine legation in Berlin, which was insisted on by the organs of President Irigoyen.

Street comment indicates that the public is not satisfied with the government's statement which accompanied the publication of the von Luxburg telegrams.

A LONG WAY ROUND

From Thursday's Daily. Lee Bennett, who some time ago was in Iowa, over near Glenwood, with his team, was unable to get them back across the river this week as the warm weather rendered the ice unsafe for travel and he was forced to come home and leave the team. This morning he returned to Glenwood to get the team, and will drive them to Council Bluffs, crossing the river there and coming on down this side across the Pollock bridge at Oreapolis. He is desirous of getting the use of the team, which accounts for the long drive to get them home just now.

DANCE AT MURRAY

From Saturday's Daily. There will be a social dance at the Puls & Gansemer hall, at Murray New Year's night. Music will be furnished by the Dandeadures Colored band. You are cordially invited to attend this dance. A good time and good music assured.

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